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Letters Sent to Denver Mint, and

New Orleans, Carson & New York Assay Offices

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January 2, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Your bill against the Seattle Assay Office for manufacture of lead discs for assaying has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, your 1919 Contingent Appropriation to be reimbursed in the sum of $8.95.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

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January 7, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst. enclosing communication from the Assayer concerning the table of charges, I have to state that the basic price in computing charges is that for gold content; additions to said basic price being made for base metal content. With abssic price for gold of one half cent, there is nothing to be added for base content of 50 or below; with base content above 50 to 150, an additional half cent should be added to the basic half cent; with base content above 150 to 250 an additional cent should be added to the basic half cent; with base content above 250 to 350 an additional two cents should be added to the basic half cent, etc., etc.

If this explanation does not clear the matter for you please advise me in detail as to your difficulties.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

January 13, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 6th relative to leave of absence to be granted to temporary employees, I beg to advise you that the provisions of circular issued October 22, 1918, continue to apply.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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January 15, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries	$ 6,000
Wages of workmen	15,000
Contingent expense	6,000
Increased compensation	1,600
Total	$28,600

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

January 16, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 7th enclosing a letter from the Assayer of your institution relative to nichrome muffles used in the New York Assay Office, I beg to say that the Superintendent reports as follows:

"These muffles are supposed to fit the furnace referred to but are made longer than the dimensions given by Mr. Wheeler in order to have more support at the ends. This necessitates some cutting of the fire brick lining at the front of the furnace. Dimensions of the nichrome muffles are: length, 14½"; width, 7½"; height 5¼", outside measurements."

Respectfully,

M. McRaitly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

January 22, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co. for transportation of tags from Washington November last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current Contingent Appropriation in the sum of $2.51.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

January 25, 1919.

Superintendant U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of January 18th enclosing a letter from the Tolhurst Machine Works of Troy, New York, I beg to suggest that you take the matter up directly with the Tolhurst Machine Works in regard to the purchase of this equipment.

If your contingent fund is sufficient to warrant this purchase you are authorized to proceed with the necessary negotiations for its installment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

January 30, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Advise by letter progress being made by Mr. Wagor on refinery review.

Baker

Director

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

January 31, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith find two vouchers of Wells Fargo & Co. for transportation of minor coin, payable from the profits of manufacture of minor coin, in the sum of $150 and $1,589.74; vouchers are numbered A-10-150B and A-10-155.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

February 4, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of January 30th, I am enclosing herewith the letter from the Tolhurst Machine Works enclosed with your letter of the 18th of January.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O.L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

February 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado,

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries,	$ 1,000
Wages of workmen,	3,000
Contingent expense,	6,000

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

February 8, 1919.

Dear Mr. Annear:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter to-day addressed to the Secretary of the Twelfth Civil Service District in behalf of James Hall. This letter was written in accordance with the suggestion of the Civil Service Commission, and I shall advise you of whatever action is taken as a result of sending the letter. I am glad to know that Mr. Hall is giving satisfaction, and thank you for your interest in the matter.

With personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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February 11, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

The following items pertaining to your accounts for the quarter ended December 31st are brought to attention.

November voucher #95 in favor of Case Manufacturing Co. for test lead, in amount $8.00, is without acceptes proposal or information where same can be found.

November voucher #95 does not carry indication of the capacity in which Milton P. Givens signs for Hover & Co.

December voucher #106 in favor of Scholtz Drug Co. for an eye drop at $1.50, carries indication of purchase without advertising, but reason for its absence is not indicated.

On special deposit account voucher #5 in favor of the American Railway Express Co. for $1,539.95, there is an overcharge, on last item, of $62.46, which amount should be collected and replaced to the credit of your special deposit checking account, or with the consent of the express company deducted from a subsequent bill, making reference to the bill where the overcharge occurred. The proper rate of charge on this item is 3% on the face value of the coin shipped, this rate being an old one under which the express companies continued to operate until December 31st last. It is noted in this connection that the bills of lading supporting this voucher carry direction for billing the charges direct to your institution instead of direction to bill to the Director of the Mint as is usual. The bill in question, therefore, did not receive the usual advance checking by this office before payment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

My attention has been directed to the receipt by the Treasury Department of several requests from your bookkeeper for blank forms, other than those issued by this Bureau.

In order to facilitate the filling of your requirements it is suggested that hereafter all requests for blank forms, whether for those issued by this Bureau or those issued by other offices, be forwarded to this office officially.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAB-TL

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February 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of the Colorado & Southern Railroad for transportation of coining press, etc., from New Orleans in October last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $178.24.

There has also been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation, bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad in the sum of $45.55, for transportation of Mr. Wagor to your institution in January.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

February 13, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Under date of January 25th you very properly addressed a letter to the Director of the Mint, recommending the change in designation and compensation of the following employees:

Donald M. Chapman
Sheridan B. Wilbox

In accordance with the requirements, your letter was by you forwarded to the District Secretary at San Francisco and has only this day, February 13th, been received at the Bureau with the approval of the District Secretary attached. In the meantime, under date of February 1st, you forwarded the oath of office of these men. The Secretary's office has called our attention to the fact that the oath was administered to the men before the approval of the recommendation had been given by the Secretary.

I am writing to request that unless cases are very urgent and emergency employment is required, the oath of office be withheld until you are advised by the Bureau that the Secretary has approved the changes. It is clear that in the present case confusion arose from the fact that your letter had to be forwarded to San Francisco and then forwarded from there to this Bureau by the District Secretary. Unless an emergency exists we are not expected to anticipate approval by the administering of the oath until the formality of submitting the recommendation to the Secretary has been observed.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

February 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have corrected the copy of memorandum of gold bullion received from the Seattle Assay Office as follows:-

Shipment number changed from 22 to 19 and the gross value from $210,668.80 to $210,668.77, the difference of 3 cents being in the value of silver, which should be $3,394.33 instead of $3,394.36.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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February 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith find travel expense voucher of Mr. Wagor covering his recent trip to your institution, approved for payment from your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $160.72.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

2—5738

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Night Message. Washington, February 21, 1919

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Take necessary steps to discontinue minor coinage and coin halves and dimes.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

February 24, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 18th inst. concerning December quarter accounts, I have to advise that proposal and acceptance pertaining to voucher #93, stated to have been enclosed, were not found.

Further information is requested concerning the eye drop. An eye drop is here understood to be a small glass tube, sometimes curved at one end and having a rubber bulb attached to the other end, and retails for ten to fifteen cents each. It can be purchased without a doctor's prescription. Was the eye drop in question of a complicated nature to warrant the price of $1.50?

The difference in charge for transportation of minor coin, mentioned in your letter, as between items 3 and 5 combined and the other items on the voucher, is due to the fact that increased rates went into effect July 15th and item 5 was shipped July 1st.

Bills of Lading for minor coin should always carry direction for billing of charges to the Director of the Mint, while Bills of Lading for other coin shipments should always carry direction for billing charges to the Secretary of the Treasury. The charges for shipment of other than minor coin are payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expense, Independent Treasury, which comes under jurisdiction of the Public Moneys Division of the Secretarys Office.

In future will you kindly have statistical forms, such as form 61, etc., headed so as to show the date which closes the period covered by the report, for instance "during quarter ended December 31, 1918" instead of "during second quarter 1919". This will avoid confusion.

Respectfully,

W. M. Phelps

Acting Director of the Mint.

P.S. Since writing of this, the enclosures mentioned in first paragraph have been received.

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February 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 15th requesting the approval of the transfer of Mr. N. A. Russell, helper in your institution to the Mint at San Francisco and the transfer of Mr. Rolland E. Peirce, skilled workman at San Francisco, to be transferred to Denver, I beg to advise you that the transfers are hereby authorized, it being understood that the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco is agreeable to this arrangement.

Please forward the recommendation in triplicate in the usual manner. You are authorized to take the necessary steps to effect this transfer in anticipation of the formal letters reaching the department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

February 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of the Union Pacific Railroad for transportation of Mr. Wagor from Denver to San Francisco in January 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $44.20.

Bill of the Pullman Car Lines for transportation of Mr. Wagor from San Francisco to Denver in December 1918, has also been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $9.00.

Bills of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of minor coin from your institution, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage, in the following sums:- $150.00, $1,375.48, $313.16, $306.83, $780.34, $114.22 and $150.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

February 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of Wells Fargo & Co. Express, No. A-10-140, in amount $215.06, for transportation of minor coin, is forwarded herewith for settlement, payable from the profits on minor coinage.

This bill was erroneously handled by the Division of Public Moneys of the Secretary's Office and has just been returned to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Please furnish this Bureau with a statement showing the value of fine gold bars issued in exchange for gold coin and gold bullion by months, during the calendar year 1918, similar to the tables published on page 66 in my report of last year.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

With reference to the matter of eye drop prescription covered in your December voucher #108, attention is invited to Employees Compensation Act of September 7, 1916, which provides for medicines, etc. for persons injured in the Government Service. This matter evidently should have been handled in accordance with the administrative rules of the Employees Compensation Commission and paid from their appropriations. Please be guided accordingly in future similar cases.

The amount of the voucher in question being small, no separate recommendation will be made to the Auditor concerning same. Please advise me as to the amount of the liquid furnished on this voucher.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$4,000
Wages of workmen, -------	8,000
Increased compensation, -	1,000
Contingent expense, -----	5,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I enclose two very dirty granulation samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold made on each sample, taking the metal as it comes without any attempt to clean the sample or to cut out the cleaner portions for the assay.

Respectfully,

M McReally

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of February 1st, I am enclosing herewith 12 copies of printed specifications covering coal to be used in inviting proposals for the coming fiscal year.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office, dated November 20, 1918, you are advised that bill of the Denver & Rio Grand Railroad, in amount $6.67, has been settled by the Auditor, settlement number 72557, dated March 7th, 1919, in the sum of $6.06, the difference of 61¢ having been disallowed on account of error in rate.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 5th inst., concerning error of 20¢ in deposit of seigniorage on minor coinage for the month of February, you are advised that since the error did not occur at the end of the quarter, it can be corrected without difficulty in making deposit for the current month.

Respectfully,

M. McRelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of lading, number T131072, covering shipment of minor coin from your Institution to the Assistant Treasurer at Chicago. Please note difference between shipping weight and receiving weight, and with its return to this office please advise me by letter whether the receiving weight is correct.

In this connection, it is requested that memorandum copies of all bills of lading issued by you be forwarded to Washington, as heretofore requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I enclose eight samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir: -

Your expense accounts for the month of February, stated to have been forwarded by registered mail under date of March 7th, have not as yet reached this office. Will you kindly have the Postmaster trace them?

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills of Wells Fargo & Co. Express for transportation of minor coin are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage:-

A-11-269	$325.00
A-12-55	900.00
A-12-62	750.00
A-12-67	114.12
A-12-68	150.00

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, No. A-12-56 for transportation of minor coin is also forwarded for settlement in the sum of $240.00.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

The Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Salt Lake City desires to ship to your Mint for treatment, an accumulation of gold bearing slag, broken graphite crucibles and cupels.

Will you please forwarded to the Assayer in Charge of the Assay Office at Salt Lake City two dozen large ore sacks to be used in making this shipment.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 27, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

On January 3rd the Bureau referred to you a copy of a letter received from the Acting Executive Officer of the Supervising Architect's Office embodying an excerpt from a report dated December 29th, submitted by Inspector Quinn of the Architect's Office, upon a general inspection of the mechanical equipment of your Mint.

No report appears to have been received from you upon this letter. If a reply was sent will you please have a copy forwarded. Otherwise, will you please let me know what steps have been taken to remedy the conditions to which attention has been called.

The approval of your recommendation for the promotion of the Foreman of Machinery is being held pending this report.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith the approval of the Secretary to the transfer of Mr. Matson from the New York Assay Office to your mint.

In connection with this transfer, I beg to advise you that Mr. Matson will not be able to reach Denver until the middle of April and it is understood that he will take the oath at the Denver Mint on April 16th.

Respectfully,

M. McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for transportation of stoneware from Barberton, Ohio, in Jan. last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $20.21.

It is noted that the Bill of lading carries indication of breakage of two tanks on this shipment and that claim for reimbursement has been made upon the railroad company.

If settlement has not yet been made by the railroad company the matter should be followed up until settlement is made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE.

Washington,

April 2, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Typewriter ordered February sent erroneously to San Francisco. Another sent you today.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

FFICIAL BUSINESS,
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2—5738
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries, ----------	$3,000
Wages of workmen, -----	8,000
Increased compensation	1,000
Contingent expense, ---	5,000

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

—5735

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
April 7, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver,

Discontinue coinage silver prepare coin one cent pieces only.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ~~Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919~~
2—5732
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith your statement of U. S. Coin received, Form 474A, rendered for the quarter ended March 31, 1919, for additional information.

It would appear from the explanation thereon that it is not practicable to report by denominations the gold coin transferred by the Treasury; this being the case, it is suggested that you insert the approximate amount of each denomination, basing the approximation on the best available information, possibly observation in handling. Please make segregation by denominations in all future cases of receipt of domestic coin for melting.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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April 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of March 31st, I am returning herewith the communication of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad dated March 28, 1919 in connection with your claim against that company for breakage of two tanks, with the suggestion that you request the Railroad Company to make cash payment for the value of the tanks broken and freight thereon.

Owing to the rather large amount of your claim, the offsetting of the railroad's inconsiderable bills against us would require considerable time and be very troublesome; and if the amount was offset by amounts payable to the Railroad Company for services rendered to other Bureaus or institutions, it would require troublesome adjustments of appropriations.

As advised some days ago, the company's freight bill amounted to $20.21 and was forwarded to the Auditor approved for payment in the amount rendered. The amount collected should be forwarded to this office for disposition.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
April 15, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

When may we expect delivery cents.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2—3723
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 18, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Please furnish samples of manila envelopes, sizes 6 X 3½ and 2 X 2, also of white envelopes, sizes 3½ X 6 and 3-7/8 X 8-7/8, and samples of manila shipping-tag, to accompany your requisition for supplies of stationery.

Requisitions should always be accompanied by samples in order to avoid delay in forwarding them to the proper office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

AAH-

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding bills for transportation of minor coin, payable from your profits on minor coinage, in the amounts indicated below:-

A-11-272	Wells Fargo & Co. Express	$1,637.36
A-11-280	" " " " "	150.00
A-11-281	" " " " "	306.15
A-12-90	" " " " "	150.00
A-12-124	" " " " "	360.96
A-12-86	American Railway Express Co.	57.11
A-12-94	Wells Fargo & Co. Express	150.00

Respectfully,

M. McKilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Encls.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

With reference to your recent requisition for books and blanks, attention is invited to Form #608 enclosed herewith, representing the coiners silver journal.

Some years ago it was decided to discontinue the use of this form and I beg to request that you consider whether Form #272, or possibly Form #594, enclosed, if used in lieu of Form #608, would provide the information needed.

If the above mentioned forms cannot be conveniently used, Form #608 will be provided as requested. It is requested, however, that illustrative entries be made on the enclosed blank #608, in order that its use may be clearly understood here and that any revisions which may seem desirable may be made.

It is the desire of the Department that as much economy as practical be practiced in providing books and blanks because of the high cost of such materials at the present time.

Please return all enclosures.

Respectfully,

M. McPeek

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

May 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

With reference to your accounts for the quarter ended March 31st, attention is invited to the following:

Cashier's daily statement for March 31st, shows total cash on hand is $374.94 more than the accounts current indicate should be on hand. This is the amount of the unclassified counter cash. Explanation is requested.

On deposit #1052 made by the Colorado National Bank, refining charges are indicated at $1.14; correct computation gives 12¢. If the additional dollar is an extra charge for melting it should have been so indicated instead of being included in the refining charge.

January voucher #134 in favor of the Morey Mercantile Company is for "raisemore". Will you kindly advise me what "raisemore" is?

January voucher #138 in favor of the Denver Fire Clay Company for muffles carries unit charge of $1.58 each, while the accepted quotation is at the rate of $1.30½ each, making an apparent overcharge of $1.10.

March voucher #234 in favor of the Bartley Crucible Co. carries indication of having been purchased under methods 2 and b. However, the voucher is not accompanied by any evidence of advertising nor by quotations supporting the price paid for the crucibles. Please forward copy of the accepted quotation.

March voucher #235, traveling expenses of Mr. Annear, does not carry time of departure and arrival at the various places visited as required by travel regulations effective Jan. 1, 1919, but the voucher will be forwarded to the Auditor in its present condition. However, the amounts paid on account of war tax are not reimbursable by the Government and should be refunded. The war taxes are imposed at the rate of 8% on the fare and 10% on the Pullman accomodations. As near as can be determined by the information on hand, the amount of the taxes are approximately $6.58.

Early reply with such information as is required, is requested.

Respectfully,

W. McRedy

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May 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated Nov. 20, 1918, I have to advise that bill of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad for transportation of trucks has been settled by the Auditor in the sum of $15.36 instead of $22.07, difference of $6.71 being disallowed on account of difference in classification.

The Auditor's settlement is dated May 1, 1919, and carries the number 73953.

Respectfully,

W. M. Roth

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado,

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries, ----------	$4,000.
Wages of workmen, ---------	8,000.
Increased compensation, ---	1,000.
Contingent expense, -------	8,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith I am enclosing blank form "certificate of shipment" together with a carbon copy of Bill of Lading No. T131089, which has been endorsed in the manner of an original Bill of Lading.

Whenever a Bill of Lading is lost the certificate of shipment should be prepared to accord with directions given on reverse of same. Please have this certificate of shipment made to cover the lost Bill of Lading, No. T131089, noting that it should be accompanied by correspondence tending to prove that the original Bill of Lading has been lost or destroyed, also by a certificate that if the original Bill of Lading is subsequently found it will be surrendered to the government without claim.

Upon return to this office of the certificate of shipment properly executed and supported, it will be used to support bill of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co., No. F5548 in the sum of $11.52.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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P-L

P.S.
Please return the enclosed carbon copy of Bill of Lading.

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May 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sums indicated:-

Pullman Company - accomodations furnished Mr. E. J. Wager from Denver to San Francisco in January last -- $9.00

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry., transportation of twine from Washington in January last ---------- $2.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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May 10, 1919.

Superintend,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning January voucher #138, in the sum of $6.32, in favor of the Denver Fire Clay Co. for four muffles.

Please have a corrected voucher made to conform with the facts as stated in your letter of the 6th inst., namely, purchase of 24 muffles at $1.705 each, $31.32, with deduction of $25.00 on account of an unreturned pattern, giving net payment of $6.32.

Your check for $6.53 covering war tax on transportation is received, and the amount will be deposited to the credit of your appropriation.

Copy of travel regulations, effective Jan. 1, 1919, was forwarded to your office as soon as received in December or early in January. Two copies are enclosed herewith as are also a small number of exemption certificates covering war tax on transportation. A supply of these exemption certificates was also forwarded your institution quite sometime ago, probably in 1917, shortly after the passage of the act imposing war taxes.

The government is not taxable in favor of itself, which accounts for the ruling that it may not reimburse persons traveling on its account if the tax be paid by such travelers. If the supply of exemption certificates furnished your office had been exhausted, it should have been replenished so they might be available when needed for use. I am sorry that you did not have such certificates for use when needed but know of no other adjustment of the present matter than reimbursement of your appropriation as above indicated.

Early return of corrected voucher is requested.

Respectfully,

W. McKelleg

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.

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May 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below for transportation of minor coinage are forwarded herewith for settlement, payable from your profits on minor coinage:-

Wells Fargo & Co. Exp.	B-2-126	$147.16
" " " " "	B-2-130	306.15
" " " " "	B-1-203	175.00
" " " " "	B-2-244	150.00
American Ry. Exp. Co.	B-1-197	125.31
" " " "	B-1-217	244.19

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

Washington,

May 16, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Take necessary steps to operate coining department Sunday to increase output cents. Demand very urgent. At what rate per day are you depleting wage fund on account overtime now.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

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RNMENT RATES.
HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
May 17, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Add to daily telegram of balances number of cents delivered each day.

Baker

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919
2—5733 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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May 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I would thank you to state the amount of lead used in the base metal assays reported on the 5th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 16th in reply to my telegram regarding working Sundays in the Coining Department.

The demand for one cent pieces continues to be so heavy that it will be necessary for us to operate the Coining Departments in all of the Mints to the full extent to which the appropriations will allow us to go. You are therefore requested to arrange the distribution of time in your Coining Department so as to employ the men as many hours as your appropriations will permit, being careful, however, not to incur a deficiency in your wage fund.

If you prefer to extend the number of hours of work during the six days of the week and suspend Sunday operations, you are authorized to do so, the plan being to absorb your appropriation for the purpose of increasing to the fullest possible extent your output of one cent pieces.

I shall be glad to hear from you in regard to this letter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of recent date enclosing three copies of contract with the Denver Gas & Electric Light Co, to furnish light and power to the Mint, I beg to advise that the contracts are being held in this Bureau pending receipt from you of a signed copy of the circular forwarded your institution on May 9th, with letter advising you that this statement was to form a part of all contracts to which the department becomes a party.

If you will have the company attach its signature and also attach your own to the mentioned circular, it will be appended to the contract and when approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, original will be filed with the Auditor and duplicate and triplicate returned to you.

Respectfully,

W. McRaey

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coinage dies from Phila., October 19th and Nov. 20, 1918 ----- $2.66

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, Sept. 23rd, Oct. 30th and December 12, 1918 ---------- $16.67

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding bill No. 23548A of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad in the sum of $576.75, covering transportation of ingot copper from Brooklyn, New York, January 25th last.

I am informed that the proper charges on this shipment are as follows:-

New York, N.Y. to Denver, Colo.

Copper Ingots.

To Quincy = 35¢ 100#, B.&O. I.C.C. 15615, supp. No.1.

Byd. Quincy = $5.90 N.T. = 34.5¢ 100#, E.B.Boyd's I.C.C. A724, WTL 111.

Rates:

	Gross	L.G.	Net
New York City Term.	.03		.03
To Chicago.	.264	5.%	.2508
" Quincy.	.056)	19.528	.127
" Atchison.	.1018)		
" Denver.	.2432	31.997	.1654
	.695		.5732

Charges should be:

80010# @ 57.32¢ = $458.62

Enclosed you will find authority of the Freight Claim Agent of the C.B.&Q. Railroad Company for deduction of the value of 2 broken tanks, which were shipped from Barberton, Ohio, to your institution in February last. It appears that the proper deductions on account of these

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broken tanks are as follows:-

2 tanks @ $85.00 each ----------	$170.00
2 bibb cocks, ground in, @ $4.75 --	9.50
1/2 the freight ($20.21) on 4 tanks -	10.10
Total ----------	$189.60

The corrected charges on shipment of copper being $458.62 and deduction on account of breakage $189.60, you are authorized to pay the C.B.&Q. Railroad Company the difference of $269.02 from the minor coinage metal fund.

The minor coinage metal fund should also be charged with the sum of $189.60, which should be covered into the Treasury by certificate of deposit to the credit of your current contingent appropriation.

Upon receipt from you of information that above transactions have been carried through, additional bill of the C.B.&Q. Company for transportation of the other two tanks from Barberton, Ohio, will be approved and forwarded to the Auditor for settlement in the sum of $10.10, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation.

The authorization of the Freight Claim Agent should accompany the paid vouchers to this office with your returns.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of May 16th recommending the decrease in the compensation of Harry E. Halstead, for the purpose of completing the record of the Bureau will you please give your reason for this demotion.

Respectfully,

M. W. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below, for transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from your profits on minor coinage:-

B-1-38	Wells Fargo & Co. Exp.	$372.98
B-1-39	American Ry. Exp. Co.	150.00
B-1-88	" " " "	292.14

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that on account of the very heavy demand for one cent pieces it will be necessary for you to plan to continue the coinage of that denomination throughout the settlement.

Please arrange accordingly.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

SIR:-

Referring to your telegram of recent date, relative to the price being paid for partings, I beg to say that the question is now under consideration by the department and as soon as some definite policy has been determined upon I will advise you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that June 10th is the day which has been decided upon to open your Annual Settlement.

Mr. Hawkins of San Francisco will be Chairman and will be assisted by Mr. McCabe of that office as well as Mr. Towne of Seattle.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

OR

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May 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that the circular enclosed in your letter of the 27th instant has been attached to the original contract of the Denver Gas & Light Company to furnish light and power to your mint during the fiscal year 1920 and forwarded to the Auditor for file.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$2,600
Wages of workmen, ---------	7,000
Contingent expense, -------	3,500
Increased compenation, -----	1,000

Relative to the amount advanced under contingent appropriation, you are advised that this leaves in the Treasury a balance of approximately $600.00 against which there are known encumbrances of approximately $400.00 including $135.00 for 100 asbestos mitts ordered from the Mint at Philadelphia in February and about $178.00 freight on coin press. If you know of any additional bills for transportation or for articles ordered from the Philadelphia Mint, etc., that may more than use up the $600.00 above mentioned please reserve enough of the money advanced to you for repayment into the Treasury to meet such bills.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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June 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

With reference to correspondence concerning war tax on transportation of Superintendent Annear to Washington recently, I have to advise that check in the sum of $6.58 has been collected by the Treasury Department and that certificate of deposit No. 9153 dated June 2, 1919, has been issued covering same.

This transaction should be taken into your ordinary account for the current quarter as both a collection and a deposit in the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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June 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Pullman Company, transporation of Mr. Annear from Washington to Denver in March last, ---------- $10.50

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, transportation of rolls from Pittsburgh, Pa. in December last, -------$11.52

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Actint Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Attention is invited to the question of seigniorage on minor coinage, especially deposit of same into the Treasury as revenue.

Seigniorage coin belongs to the ordinary accounts and is not properly available for issue until its value has been deposited in the Treasury and become an asset of the bullion fund. This was recognized at the time of revision of our accounts effective July 1, 1916, and reference is made to first paragraph on page 4 of Bureau's letter dated May 11, 1916, explaining the method of transfer between the ordinary and bullion fund accounts. One of the principal reasons for prescribing the method therein explained was that seigniorage coin would thus be available for immediate issue if needed.

Both the Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints have been making daily deposits of the approximate accumulation of seigniorage in the Treasury since it has become necessary to ship seigniorage coin as soon as it leaves the presses. Will you kindly follow this procedure in future.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of June 7th requesting that in purchasing electrolytic copper, in accordance with your request of June 4th, small ingots be obtained, I beg to advise you that the letter reached here after the award had been made to Clendenin Bros. I have, however, requested over the telephone that the ingots forwarded be as small as possible.

It would be necessary to withdraw the acceptance and all other proposals and obtain new bids in order to secure the small ingots. This did not seem practicable. In future in inviting the bids for supplying your mint with copper the dealers will be requested to bid on small ingots.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 11, 1919.

Dear Mr. Annear;-

The Director has left Washington and is planning to start on Sunday night for Denver. He expects to leave Chicago Monday evening. He has instructed me to write and advise you of this plan.

Your letter of June 5th relative to continuing operations during July has been forwarded from Washington to Mr. Baker.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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June 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B-3-88	Wells Fargo & Co. Exp.	$136.13
B-2-246A	American Ry. Exp. Co.	188.43
B-3-155	do	347.38

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, January 22, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $3.51.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of June 11th, you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the following named firms to furnish your Mint with supplies for the fiscal year 1920:-

C.P.Nitric acid	Western Chemical Mfg. Co.	$14.00 per cwt.
Hydrochloric acid, com'l	do	2.75 " "
Sulphuric acid, com'l	do	2.50 " "
Nitric acid free from chlorine	do	13.00 " "
Gas Oil	Continental Oil Co.	.08 per gal.
Artesian Ice	Colorado Ice & Cold Storage Co.	.50 per cwt.
Iron Castings	Western Iron Foundry Co.	7.00 per cwt.
Laundry:	Denver Towel Supply Company	
Hand towels		.02 each
Bath "		.02 "
Rugs		.01 "
Bath Curtains		.15 "
Removing Ashes, Etc.	Baltzir Neiberger	2.50 DHL

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reid

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado,

Sir:-

Will you kindly prepare and forward your report covering the operations of your institution during the fiscal year 1919 at as early a date in July as practicable. This is necessary because the Secretary of the Treasury requires information concerning our operations shortly after the close of the year.

The report should be in duplicate and I would appreciate a short description of all outstanding features of the year's operations, special reference being made to adopted improvements or new features which may be of general or service interest. New features should be explained somewhat in detail.

Statistical data classified as shown on pages 17 to 33 inclusive of annual report for the fiscal year 1917-18, should be forwarded for the fiscal year 1918-19 unless same are fully stated in regular quarterly or yearly reports, which reports should be forwarded as soon as practicable. If errors have occurred in quarterly reports so that their aggregation will not produce correct yearly totals, such information as will effect reconciliation should be furnished.

Melting and Refining Department and Coining Department operations should be reported on the new forms, forwarded the 2nd inst.

If part of the data will not be available until later than July, please do not delay forwarding the remainder of the report.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

On account of the extraordinary pressure for domestic coinage at the Philadelphia Mint and furthermore due to the fact that the Melting & Refining Rooms of that institution are being rearranged, it would be impossible for that Mint to undertake to manufacture foreign coin at the present time.

The Director has authorized me to instruct you to undertake the preparation of 200,000 Peruvian pound gold discs. The discs are to be manufactured by you at the rate of $10.00 per thousand pieces. The Peruvian Government has authorized the Cerro de Pasco Corporation to receive these blanks for export. This letter will be authority for you to use the necessary amount of gold to fill this order.

The kegs for shipping will be an extra charge against the Cerro de Pasco Corporation. More definite shipping instructions will be given you as soon as you advise this Bureau when the discs are ready.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to prepare punches and write to you minute instructions in regard to the preparation of the discs; also to send you a specimen of the discs which have been prepared for previous orders at the Philadelphia Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for transportation of acetylene gas from Omaha in April last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $1.59.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries,	$6,000.
Wages of workmen,	12,000.
Increased compensation,	3,000.
Contingent expense,	9,000.
Total,	$30,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 5, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver.

Peruvian government anxious to ship discs from your mint to Peru this month. Take necessary steps to accomplish this. Will it be possible for you to procure suitable kegs.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

OR.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

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GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation, in the amounts indicated:-

Philadelphia Mint - 1 30-liter glass bottle ---------- $15.00

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R.R., centrifugal extractor, etc., from Green Island, New York, in March last ---------- $52.35

Denver & Rio Grande R.R., rolling mill rolls from Pittsburgh in March last ---------- $15.79

Philadelphia Mint - asbestos mitts ordered Feb. 14, 1919 - $152.00 and 12 one cent coin collars ordered March 7, 1919 ---------- $91.84

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of July 9th, you are hereby authorized to send the sweeps you have on hand at the Mint to Pueblo for treatment, it being understood that the Smelter will charge $10.00 per ton for treatment and pay you the market price for silver and $20.00 an ounce for the gold contained in the shipment.

It is also understood that you are to pay the freight from Denver to Pueblo on the sweeps.

Respectfully,

M. M. Reed

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 15, 1919.

Dear Mr. Annear:-

Your letter of the 13th, addressed to the Director, is here.

Will you please advise the Bureau of the date upon which you wish to have Mr. Voght's resignation effective.

The Bureau is not sure of the exact date upon which his thirty days leave of absence will expire.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thos. Annear,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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July 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst., regarding the non-shipment of lead pencils, No. 3, I beg to advise you that upon looking over your requisition, filed in the Stationery Division, it appears that No. 3 pencils had been crossed out before it had reached this Department.

In reference to the twine I would suggest that you return it to the Division of Printing and Stationery for inspection.

In the meantime I have prepared a requisition for 2 gross No. 3 lead pencils and 10 balls twine, assorted sizes, for shipment to your Mint and referred your letter to the Chief of that Division.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RITTEN:

Washington,
July 16, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver.

Advise Bureau exact value gold used making discs also total charges.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

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ENT RATES.
E TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
July 17, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver.

Increased compensation recommended eleventh instant approved.

OtReilly

Acting Director

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.
2-5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

The following telegram was this day sent to the Cerro de Pasco Copper Corporation:-

"Please cause to be deposited with Assistant Treasurer New York to the credit of bullion fund Mint Denver nine hundred seventy three thousand two hundred and eighty three dollars and twenty two cents value of gold used in manufacture of discs and two thousand thirty seven dollars and seventeen cents to credit of appropriations Mint Denver cost of manufacturing Peruvian discs and boxes for same. Please have Assistant Treasurer advise United States Treasurer when this has been done."

Referring to the amount collected for charges please advise the Bureau what amount is to be covered in to the credit of your wage fund and what amount to the credit of your contingent appropriation 1920.

Respectfully,

A. McReady

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to your telegram of July 18th, in which it is stated "last delivery vacation", I beg to be advised as to what your plan is for continuing coinage.

Is it not practicable for you to retain a part of your force and keep the coinage going, even upon a reduced scale, rather than entirely discontinuing the coinage at this time?

I will be glad to be informed by you of your plans in this respect and for what period vacations are granted to the employees of the Coining Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

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July 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have your letter of July 14th relative to J. H. Crary.

It will be impracticable to give Mr. Crary an "indefinite furlough". You are authorized to request Mr. Crary to send in his resignation instead of effecting his peremptory dismissal. If Mr. Crary is unwilling to file his resignation it will be necessary to dismiss him as the only alternative.

In case it is necessary to dismiss Mr. Crary you will be required to prefer charges in writing, deliver them to Mr. Crary and given him a reasonable time to respond.

If Mr. Crary resigns, no further formality than that of sending his resignation to this office for approval and forwarding to the Secretary of the Treasury, is necessary.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,
July 23, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver.

Advise Bureau by wire immediately dimensions of boxes used in packing Peruvian discs and number of the same in order to determine amount of shipping space required.

Baker

Director

USINESS.
MENT RATES.
OF TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

Washington, July 23, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Gammon Assayer in Charge Salt Lake desires transfer Denver Mint under you preferably in refinery where technical and practical knowledge mint practices could be utilized. I am disposed to accede to his request and wish you would take matter up with Matson and wire me.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

FFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that the contracts with the following named firms to furnish your institution with supplies for the fiscal year 1920, have been duly approved and forwarded to the Auditor for file:-

Western Iron Foundry Co.
The Continental Oil Co.
The Western Chemical Mfg. Co.
Baltcir Neiberger.
The Denver Towel & Supply Co.
The Colorado Ice & Cold Storage Co.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills of the American Railway Express Company for transportation, as indicated below, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation:-

Coinage dies from Philadelphia, March 11, 1919 ---------- $3.17

Electrical instrument from Newark, N.J., September 16, 1918 ---------- $2.68

Electrical fan parts from Newark, N.J., November 9, 1918 ---------- $2.45

total $8.30 - also

Ammeter, etc., from Denver to Newark, N.J., August 9, 1919 ---------- $2.75

Asbestos mitts from Philadelphia, Feb. 28, 1919 ---------- $3.16

Coinage dies from Philadelphia, March 17, 1919 ---------- $1.75

Coinage dies from Philadelphia, March 21, 1919 ---------- $2.58

Asbestos mitts from Philadelphia, March 17, 1919 ---------- $3.04

Total ---------- $13.28

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WITTEN:

Washington, July 24, 1919.

Supeintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Please let me hear from you by wire in regard to my message of yesterday regarding Bartlett.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
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DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212a.

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July 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to your Daily Statement of July 21st and also your letter, Form 550A, Notification of Certificates of Deposits, forwarded to the Secretary, will you please advise me if you wish the entire amount of $2,000.00, received as charges for manufacture of Peruvian discs, credited to your wage fund 1920. Do you wish none of this amount credited to your contingent fund for 1919 beyond that amount received for boxes, namely $37.17?

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

A/12/65	Wells Fargo & Co. Exp.	$517.55
B/4/110	American Ry. Exp. Co.	753.72

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

WIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
July 28, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver.

Authorized to grant Bartlett annual leave of absence advising Bureau date of expiration of same that resignation may be approved effective that day.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

L BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
HARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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July 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 24th, relative to the leave of absence granted to the employees of the Coining Department.

Upon receipt of this letter will you please take the necessary steps to begin coinage at your Mint not later than Monday, August 11th. If you can accomplish this by recalling only a part of your force it will be satisfactory to me but we must have coinage at your Mint. Begin not later than the date named.

If to begin coinage on the 11th it is necessary to start up your Ingot Room still earlier, please arrange to do so.

I think if you will explain to your men that it is impracticable for them to have their vacation all at one time when the demand for coinage is so urgent as to require overtime in all of the Mints, they will be glad to cooperate with you in the matter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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July 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir,-

I am returning herewith the report of the Assayer of your Mint with the request that the same by approved by you and returned to the Bureau. It is presumed that this formality escaped your attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM

WRITTEN:

Washington, July 29, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Authorized to grant Bartlett and Crary leave before resignations become effective.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

BUSINESS.
RNMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 212A.
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August 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill No. B/5/236 of the American Railway Express Company in the sum of $696.54, is forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage.

Respectfully,

W. M. Reddy

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl,
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August 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries,	$4,000.
Wages of workmen,	9,000.
Increased compensation,	2,000.
Contingent expense,	5,000.
Total,	$20,000.

Respectfully,

M. McRae

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

The following items pertaining to your accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1919, are brought to attention.

Ambrose J. Aurand, helper at $4.00 per diem is paid for the period June 2nd to June 15th, containing 12 working days, for 13 days, there being no marginal notations to support the extra day. This gives an apparent overpayment of $4.00.

Voucher No. 298 in favor of the Mine & Smelters Supply Co. is accompanied by quotation of that firm on carbonate of soda of $3.38 per 100 pounds. The item is carried on the voucher at $3.58 per 100 pounds for 1753 pounds, making an apparent overpayment of $3.51.

Will you kindly indicate on future vouchers carrying items ordered from the General Supply Catalogue the item numbers, in order that the unit price may be more readily verified.

Please forward schedule of items making up the $225.93 payroll cash on hand June 30, 1919, giving names of employees, payroll periods in which amounts accrued, amounts due each person and dates same were finally paid.

Payrolls and schedules of payments carry no indication that any amounts remained unpaid June 30th; these and the account current should be and must be brought into agreement and should show the facts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 7, 1919.

Dear Mr. Annear:-

This will introduce Mrs. J.F. Mathers and her daughters who desire to witness the operations of the Mint at Denver.

Will you please provide Mrs. Mathers and her daughters with a special guide and allow them to witness the operations of the Mint at Denver to the full extent of their desires.

Your courtesy in giving these ladies special attention will be appreciated by me.

Sincerely,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

RE WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

August 7, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver.

Advise me by wire as to your arrangements for beginning coinage on Monday. Upon what denominations are you planning to operate coinage.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

AL BUSINESS.
ERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

August 11, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Treasurer states you have unfilled orders for nickels placed in June although your letter July twenty-fourth states all your orders completed. Advise Bureau by wire today unfilled orders on hand and when you expect to fill them.

O'Reilly,

Acting Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

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NT RATES.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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Aug. 11, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Please refer to Deadwood shipment No. 1, dated July 23, 1919, on which unusual losses appear to have accrued. In this connection it is noted that Deadwood's shipments for nearly a year have been accepted at the same figures declared by them, and that there has not been any considerable difference for fully three years.

Replying to inquiry made by this office, the Assayer in Charge at Deadwood states he is in receipt of statement from the Denver Mint giving corrected figures on bars numbers 4174 and 4177A, by which the original differences are considerably reduced. It is noted, however, that no change was made in the fineness of bar 4177A, leaving the difference between the two institutions of 3½ points gold.

Please explain the corrected weights and advise me if the bar giving material difference in assay was remelted for verification of this difference. Material differences on chip or drill samples should not be accepted unless verified by granulation samples.

On the next Deadwood shipment reported by you please take care of the corrections on shipment No. 1.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 12, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultimo, received in this Office August 11, recommending the appointment of Orville Harrington as a helper at $4.00 per diem.

Will you please advise me if this is the Mr. Harrington who was furloughed from the Mint in 1909.

It is noted that you wish to appoint him at $4.00 which is in advance of the amount you are now paying some of your experienced helpers. I would suggest the advisability of promoting men in the service to higher salaries as an incentive to higher efficiency in preference to making new appointments at the higher rate. Please let me hear from you in regard to this case, which will be held in this Bureau pending a report from you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 13, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to the reinstatement of David N. Yaker as clerk at $1,200, and to your letter recommending the same, dated July 9th, 1919; I beg to call your attention to the letter of the Secretary dated January 17, 1919, approving the discontinuance of the services of Mr. Yaker, effective January 6, 1919. Your letter of July 9th states that his services were discontinued, or that Mr. Yaker resigned September 16th, 1918.

I have also to request that you will forward to the Bureau a copy of letter received by you from the Civil Service District Secretary advising you that Mr. Yaker had "been converted from a temporary appointment into a regular probationary appointment to date from August 21st, 1917." See your letter to the Bureau dated August 27th, 1917.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 13, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to refer to letter from this Bureau dated July 24th asking how you wished to have the earnings from the manufacture of Peruvian discs covered into the accounts. The C/D is being held in this Bureau for endorsement in accordance with reply from you as to how much of the total amount you wish credited to Wages, 1920, and how much to Contingent, 1920. Please advise us.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 14, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

With reference to your annual report for the fiscal year 1919, I am unable to find statement of gold bars issued, by months, in exchange for cash and in exchange for bullion - see pages 19 and 20 of the prior year's report. Will you kindly forward such a statement.

Will you please advise me of the nature of the material on which assays were made for the Coining Department - 776 samples - and the purpose of such assays. The other mints report comparatively few assays for the Coining Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 15, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Upon receipt hereof will you please direct that a telegram be sent to the Bureau at the close of business each day informing us of the number and denominations of coins paid out, and the balances of dimes, nickels and cents on hand.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 19, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th instant I beg to say that you may regard this letter as authority for you to admit visitors to the Mint to the extent to which this can be done without interference with the work of the Mint, and without incurring any additional expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

E WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE.

Washington, August 21, 1919.

Superintendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Appointment Conlon temporary helper four fifty approved.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

BUSINESS.
INMENT RATES.
ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

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Aug. 21, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Herewith find bills of the American Railway Express Co. for transportation of minor coin, payable from the profits on minor coinage in the sums indicated:

No.	B/6/76	$1,211.54
	B/5/369	324.54
	B/6/ 44	327.06

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 22, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Disallowance by the Auditor under date of June 19th of $1.50 paid the Scholz Drug Co. for eye drop is being taken up with the proper officers with a view to having same allowed from an appropriation under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Employees Compensation Commission. Kindly let the matter rest until you are further advised concerning same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Aug. 22, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 19th inst. I am returning herewith for inspection voucher No. 298 pertaining to your accounts for the June quarter, wherein there is a discrepancy between the bid and paid price.

Regarding the schedule of unpaid wages on June 30th, it is presumed that all the items pertained to payroll for last half of June except that Mr. Trotter's pertained to the roll for last half May. On this basis the Schedules of Payrolls and Vouchers for May and June have been corrected in pencil and are returned herewith with request that corrected ink copies be forwarded to accompany the accounts to the Auditor. In this connection it is again emphasized that receipts and payments should be taken into your accounts when they actually occur. Do not carry items from one accounting period to another. The amounts paid in July have been deducted from the totals of payrolls for last half of May and June to make them agree with amounts paid and shown on corrected Schedules. Wages or salaries which accrue in one accounting period and are paid in a subsequent period should be supported, when paid, by an individual payroll voucher, form 940.

It is noted that Mr. Trotter was credited in the last half of May with increased compensation for 14 days, though in a pay status for only 9 days; evident overpayment $1.92. Also that E. G. Smith was credited in last half June with 13¼ days in a 10 day pay period, marginal notation of 2¼ days overtime; giving an evident overpayment of $5.50 for one day.

The ordinary account current is enclosed for correction of 33¢ refund - change to increase compensation column from salaries column.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 25, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewth a copy of order for minor coinage copper, placed in accordance with your request. Inquiry as to the preparation of ingots of special size revealed that an extra charge would have to be imposed for the same, and delay in filling the order would result. Consequently, the Director thought best not to insist upon having special size ingots prepared to meet this order.

He has directed me to say that he hopes no inconvenience will result.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

TTEN:

Washington, August 29, 1919.

ntendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Temporary appointment Reed fireman approved.

O'Reilly

Acting Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ITTEN: Night Message.

Washington,
August 29, 1919.

intendent Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Plan to operate coining room twelve hours

inning September second.

Baker

Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

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September 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of August 19th concerning the assaying of condemned coin manufactured coincident with the good coin for the purpose or verifying fineness of the coins delivered, it is directed that such assaying be discontinued. The work of the Bureau Assayer provides a check on the fineness of the coins and the other mints do not follow the practice described by you as may be verified by referring to published annual reports of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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September 3, 1919.

Dear Mr. Annear:

Referring to our conference when I was in Denver, relative to the general adjustment of conditions at the Mint, among other things will you please advise me if you have taken the necessary steps to transfer the jurisdiction of the sweeps cellar to the Melter and Refiner's Department, with instructions to him to report separately on the sweeps, showing the grains or bars recovered, the value of tailings, etc., of the material worked for each division of the Mint.

I would also be glad to receive from you a report of the changes in management, operations, responsibilities and personnel, and any information covering your work undertaken since the settlement to improve the morale of your institution. I am looking for evidence of changes inaugurated with a view to improvement all along the line which will effect greater loyalty and cooperation on the part of every member of your force. I shall be glad to receive from you a frank statement of your opinion of present conditions.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Thomas Annear,
Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

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September 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Will you kindly forward at an early date data concerning commercial and certificate bars manufactured during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919, in order that table similar to that on page 28 of last year's report may be prepared.

Will you also kindly forward Sweeps Cellar data as called for on the second page of form No. 900, Melting and Refining Department Operation and Settlement Statement. Not all of the data called for by this form is provided in your report. Also please advise me whether the Coining Department's sweeps are not operated upon by the Sweeps Cellar.

With reference to form No. 900, Melting and Refining Department Operation and Settlement Statement, for your future guidance you are advised that the item "amounted operated upon" is intended for indication of the amount of metal actually operated upon rather than for the aggregate of items that precede it. Please advise me as to the amounts actually operated upon during the fiscal year just closed.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$5,000.
Wages of workmen, ----------	8,000.
Increased compensation, ----	2,500.
Contingent expense, --------	5,000.
Total, ----------	$20,500.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 10, 1919.

Supt. U.S.Mint, Denver, Colorado.
Assayer in Charge, U.S.Mint, Carson, Nevada.
" " " " " " New Orleans, La.
" " " U.S.A.O., Helena, Montana.
" " " " " " " Deadwood, S.D.
" " " " " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.
" " " " " " " Boise, Idaho.

Gentlemen:-

The following is a copy of an article covering the attaching of internal revenue stamps to premiums paid on personal bonds, forwarded with the request that you instruct the employees of your offices to call attention to the bonding companies of their obligation to attach these stamps:-

"ART. 25 - WHAT PREMIUMS TAXABLE; NOTATION TO BE MADE ON RENEWAL OR CONTINUANCE CERTIFICATES AND STAMPS TO BE AFFIXED THERETO: - Where a premium is paid after April 1, 1919, for the issuance or execution after said date, or for the renewing or the continuing in force after said date, regardless of the date of original issuance or execution, of any bond or policy designated in Schedule A2, the tax due upon such premium payment must be paid by internal-revenue stamps. The renewal or continuance certificate or other paper showing the renewal or continuance of such bond or policy or the receipt or other paper showing the payment of any premium or charge for the renewal or continuance of such bond or policy must contain on the face thereof a statement showing the rate and amount of the premium charged and collected, and the bonding company or other person issuing or executing such certificate, receipt, or paper must affix thereto the necessary amount of stamps based upon the premium charged, canceling the same".

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning schedule of payrolls and vouchers for the month of July, pertaining to the fiscal year 1919, for amendment to include amounts paid from the wages and increased compensation appropriations, as per pencil notations. Enclosed also please find wages voucher in favor of C. E. Trotter, for amendment to include amount actually paid, as indicated in pencil. There are also enclosed duplicates of the wages vouchers recently received, for your files.

In future when separate vouchers for personal services are used payrolls should not be receipted but separate vouchers should be certified by payees and supported by receipts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Enclosures.

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Sept. 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

American Railway Express Company- transportation of humid assay bottle, from Philadelphia, May 6, 1919, and coinage dies from Philadelphia, June 3, 1919, ---------- $9.48

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad - transportation of stationery from Washington, June 18, 1919 - ---------- $9.64

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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September 12, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of September 8th, replying to the Director's letter of September 3rd, I beg to say that the Director, who is temporarily absent from his desk, was informed by telephone in regard to the case of Mr. Crary, the statement in your letter that Mr. Crary had promised to resign and later refused to do so, and your suggestion that the matter be left as it is, having been transmitted to the Director.

I am instructed by the Director to request you to notify Mr. Crary by letter that he is given the opportunity to resign. If Mr. Crary does not comply with that condition within three days after he has received the letter you are to take the necessary steps for his dismissal. The Civil Service Regulations require that "A person in the competitive service whose removal is proposed shall be furnished with a statement of reasons and be allowed a reasonable time for personally answering such reasons in writing; but no examination of witnesses nor any trial or hearing shall be required except in the discretion of the officer making the removal. Copy of such reasons and answer and of the order of removal shall be made a part of

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the records of the proper department * *.

A copy of your letter to Mr. Crary, notifying him of his proposed dismissal, his reply to you, and a letter of recommendation from you to this Bureau for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval of the proposed dismissal shall be sent by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 12 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 8th relative to improvements proposed for the sweeps cellar.

Your letter has been called to the attention of the Supervising Architect who has been requested to take the necessary steps to accomplish the desired improvements.

In this connection may I suggest that business to be transacted with the Supervising Architect might be expedited if you would address the Bureau and have the Director take the matter to be disposed of directly to the Architect.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Your letter of August 20th recommending Mr. Krueger be allowed to take a Civil Service Examination was approved by this Bureau and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury for action.

Pending instructions from the Civil Service Commission you are authorized to forward to the Bureau a letter recommending the temporary appointment of Mr. Krueger as a clerk at $1200, pending action of the Civil Service Commission.

This appointment should be made after Mr. Krueger has had the situation explained to him that if the Civil Service Commission will not accede to our request, or, having done so, if he fails in the examination he will be restored to his position of Helper.

Respectfully,

M. O. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

VRITTEN:

Washington, Sept. 18, 1919.

rintendent,
Mint Denver.

Notify Crary immediately that on account of conduct subversive to
ipline and for the good of the service he is to be dismissed, no further
ement from you to him required. Give him three days to reply. Wire this
au when you have done this. Send to Bureau copy of your letter to him
his reply. Confine yourself to this procedure and you will have fully
lied with Civil Service regulations.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

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GE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR .....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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Sept. 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 13th inst., will you kindly advise me whether the Sweep Cellar did not operate on any Ingot Melting Room sweeps during the fiscal year 1919. Also please advise me as to the fine ounces of gold and silver recovered as metal in addition to that contained in the tailings of the material operated upon in the Sweep Cellar.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sept. 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 15th, enclosing a letter to be forwarded to the Supervising Architect relative to a certified check of Mr. Cowell.

I would suggest that you advise Mr. Cowell to address the Supervising Architect himself, as the work done pertained to his office since the appropriation which covered the payment thereof was expended under his jurisdiction. If Mr. Cowell will address the Supervising Architect I am sure his certified check will be returned.

The Bureau would have no jurisidiction over the matter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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Sept. 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sept. 16th, enclosing the resignation of Mr. Charles E. Trotter.

By direction of the Director I beg to express the appreciation of this Bureau for the services which Mr. Trotter has rendered, since his appointment at Denver.

The records of this department will bear a copy of this letter and of your statement that Mr. Trotter "leaves this institution after thirteen years of good and efficient service".

In behalf of the Director please offer him good wishes and success in whatever undertaking he decides to pursue.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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September 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In March 1919 a form of bond was forwarded to Mr. Rolland Peirce, the penalty of which was $5,000.00. This bond was sent in accordance with your request of March 11, 1919.

No bond appears to have been received by the department from Mr. Peirce. Please advise me when to expect the same.

Respectfully,

M M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

September 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to correct your accounts of the July-September quarter to include the additional gold and decrease in silver on hand at settlement, resulting from the switching of assays as reported in your letter of the 20th instant. The correction should be made on the basis of total differences as per tabulation form herewith, instead of only partial differences as carried in the letter of the Superintendent of the Melting and Refining Department and in your letter of the 20th. If for any reason the total differences cannot be determined, please wire me at once.

In making deposit of charges values for the July-September quarter, draw check on bullion fund for less (by the amount of decrease in silver surplus) than the amount that accrued during the current quarter, which will correct the overdeposit of settlement silver surplus. The overdeposit already made of surplus silver will be applied to the charges of the quarter. Please send in corrected settlement statments, monthly reports, etc.

Make the adjustments during the current quarter as this will avoid difficult explanations to the Auditor and be easier than adjustments after the quarterly accounts have been rendered.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

September 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

On your report of absence and efficiency for the month of July you carry Mr. Crary as absent for 11 days. The payroll indicates that he was paid for the full month. Will you please advise me what period this 11 days covers, and when an absence of thirty days on account of sickness would be reached by Mr. Crary.

It is noted that your report of absence and efficiency for August omitts the name of Mr. Crary entirely, no absence on account of annual leave, sick leave, or absence without pay, being noted.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below covering transportation of minor coin, are forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the amounts indicated:-

B/7/18	American Ry. Exp. Co.	$891.65
B/7/79	" " " "	417.00
B/7/80	" " " "	214.31
B/6/100	" " " "	191.18
B/6/133	" " " "	113.00
B/7/229	" " " "	475.45
B/7/231	" " " "	208.20
B/7/268	" " " "	476.10

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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September 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to your telegram of September 29th, stating that the promotion of Mr. Krueger to a clerical position on a non-competitive examination was not permissable, I beg to suggest that this case be allowed to remain pending until further action can be taken with the Civil Service Commission at Washington in regard to this case. The case has unusual merits which may not have been evident to the Secretary at San Francisco.

If the Civil Service Commission decides finally that Mr. Krueger cannot be given a non-petitive examination, of course the Bureau will conform to the Commission's wishes and advise you to that effect. In the meantime please allow the case to remain pending.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Will you please cause to be prepared and manufactured at the earliest possible date, 100,000 gold Peruvian discs of the same weight and fineness as those recently manufactured by you, which is that of the English sovereign.

The National City Bank is the agent named by the Peruvian Government to act as agent in this matter. That bank will probably indicate the express company to receive the discs from you under the same arrangements as that made by the Cerro de Pasco Copper Company, for whom you recently manufactured Peruvian discs.

Of course, as you understand, you are to supply the gold and it is understood that the charges are to be $10. per thousand pieces and the cost of kegs extra.

As soon as the discs are ready will you please advise the Bureau by wire, in order that arrangements may be made with the National City Bank for the payment of the cost of the gold and the manufacturing charges. You will then be advised when to release the discs to the agent named by the National City Bank to represent them in Denver.

Respectfully,

D. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

American Railway Express Co., transportation of the following from Philadelphia:-

Coin collars	3/24/19	--	$1.47
Dies	3/15/19	--	1.94
Dies	6/6/19	--	1.99
Machine Tools	6/28/19	--	.64

American Railway Express Co., transportation of electric meters to Waterbury, Conn., 6/16/19 -- $5.28

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

American Railway Express Co., transportation of the following from Philadelphia:-

Coin collars	3/24/19	--	$1.47
Dies	3/15/19	--	1.94
Dies	6/6/19	--	1.99
Machine Tools	6/26/19	--	.64

American Railway Express Co., transportation of electric meters to Waterbury, Conn., 6/16/19 -- $5.28

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith request for transportation to be used by Mr. Wheeler, who is to represent your institution at the meeting of the Assayers to take place in the Mint at Philadelphia on the morning of October 21st.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Travel Regulations. Please direct Mr. Wheeler to read them carefully and observe the same. This is important otherwise confusion will arise in the settlement of the accounts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 11, 1919,

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of October 7th, I beg to state that I have taken up with the Architect the matter of the improvement in the sweep cellar.

The Architect advises me that bids will be advertised on the 13th inst. and opened on the 28th. All things being satisfactory it is expected that the work can be undertaken without further delay and the Architect's Office hopes to conform with your wishes in having the the sweep cellar improvement ready not later than December 1st.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In forwarding your monthly statement of statistics showing coinage operations; will you please note the number of hours the Coining Department of your mint was operated daily, in order that comparison of the output made by the other mints may be more satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$5,000.
Wages of workmen, -	22,000.
Contingent expense	10,000.
Increased compp., --	2,000.
Total, ------	$42,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1920 contingent appropriation, in the amounts indicated:-

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe R.R. - envelopes from Rockville, Conn., August 5, 1919, ---------- $2.58

American Railway Express Company - repaired amatures from Waterbury, Conn. July 25, 1919, ---------- 6.13

Chicago, R.I. & Pacific R.R. ---- twine from Washington, D.C., 7/15/19- 2.22

Denver & Rio Grande Railroad - M.T.Sacks from Pueblo, Aug. 18 '19-- 3.11

Respectfully,

Th M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Min.

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October 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

The enclosed receipts for premiums on bonds, which should have been transmitted to this office, were forwarded directly to the Secretary's Office and have by that office been returned to this Bureau.

Please see my letter of September 10th, in regard to the law which requires bonding companies to attach revenue stamps to receipts for premiums.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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October 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In response to your request of October 21st, I am enclosing herewith copies of the contracts for supplying the Treasury Department with coin sacks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R.R.- transportation of twine from Washington, July 31, 1919 ---------- $2.30

American Railway Express Company - transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, Sept. 12, 1919 ---------- 2.04

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, No. B/8/377, for transportation of minor coin, is forwarded herewith for payment from the profits on minor coinage in the sum of $347.38.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$2,000.
Wages of workmen, ---	5,000.
Increased compensation	2,000.
Contingent expense, -	5,000.
Total, ------	$14,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 4, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter received from the President of the United States Civil Service Commission relative to your proposal to allow the Local Secretary of the Civil Service Commission to maintain a register of eligibles for appointment to the Denver Mint.

As the Commission has not the necessary funds to carry on the work which would be made necessary by carrying out the suggestion, it will be necessary for you to continue the present practice of calling upon the District Secretary at San Francisco for a list of eligibles.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 8, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Referring to your recommendation that Mr. Karl Kruger, a helper in your Mint, be given a non-competitive examination to test his fitness for promotion to a clerkship, and to the report of the District Secretary of the United States Civil Service Commission that there would be objection to doing so because of the existence of an eligible list, I beg to say that I have taken the case before the Commission personally, explaining the peculiar merits of the case, and have this day been advised that the necessary instructions will be issued to give Mr. Kruger a non-competitive examination.

The District Secretary at San Francisco will, I presume, be instructed by the Commission in regard to the examination, and authorized to consider Mr. Kruger's case as exceptional.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Nov. 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of recent date, I am enclosing herewith bond for Elmer S. Smith, Skilled Workman in your institution, in the sum of $3,000.00 instead of $5,000.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of coinage dies from Philadelphia, August 18, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $3.24.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the premium receipt given Mr. W. R. Willan, governing his bond, for the purpose of having a stamp attached thereto. Please see my letter of Sept. 10th covering this.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Nov. 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Two transpositions were noted on your reports covering recent transfers of bullion. On shipment No. 8, dated Nov. 5th, from Helena, an item of silver was reported as 476.75 ounces, which should have been 446.75. On shipment No. 8 from Boise, dated Nov. 7th, an item of silver was reported as 873.15 fine ounces, which should have been 837.15.

It is also noted that the copies received in this office bore the fac-similie stamp of the Superintendent and typewritten name of the Clerk who evidently made the calculations.

When future vouchers are signed with fac-similie stamp, it is requested that the person responsible for the work either initial or sign the vouchers concerned.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Nov. 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

With reference to your accounts for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1919, please advise me concerning the following:-

July voucher, No. 348, in favor of B. Neiberger for removal of ashes, in the sum of $14.00, carries no indication as to method of procurement and form of agreement.

July vouchers, Nos. 1 and 8, in favor of A. Duggan, for drayage, lack same information as requested concerning the above mentioned voucher, No. 348.

On August voucher, No. 25, in favor of Hendrie & Bolthoff M. & S. Co., in the sum of $3.27, notation is carried of an allowance of 2% discount for payment within 10 days. Payment was made within the 10 days, according to the dates stated on the voucher, but the discount was not taken.

Voucher No. 34, in favor of the Mine & Smelter Supply Co., in the sum of $2.44, carries notation "proposal with order 65", but no information is furnished as to where order 65 may be found. Please advise me as to this.

Reason for exigency purchase of kerosene from the Continental Oil Company, $1.70, on voucher No. 44, should be stated.

Payroll for the last half of September carries several promotions. From the records of this office it appears that these promotions were all authorized to begin on the 16th of September. They were all made as of Sept. 15th, and refund should be made to the appropriation, of the differences in each case. Those promoted were Messrs. Bell, Whitaker, Cain and Hill, and Mrs. Kennedy. Mr. Cogan was also promoted, but he was paid both on the per annum basis and per diem basis, for September 15th. The amount paid on per diem basis, $3.67, should be repaid to the appropriations.

A voucher in favor of the minor coinage metal fund was paid for copper sold for refinery use in October, November and December 1918. Whenever sales of this kind are made the payment should be made monthly and not carried along for a longer period, nor until the end of the fiscal year.

Respectfully,

M McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Nov. 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith find, for signature and return, reports of your institution on shipment from Deadwood, No. 4, and from Seattle, No. 12.

Respectfully,

M. McO'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I enclose 2 drill samples of a dore silver redeposit and would thank you to have the gold determined in it and report the results to this office. It is very low in gold and gives a white residue on direct solution in nitric acid.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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December 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ---------	$ 2,000.
Wages of workmen, -	16,000.
Contingent expense,-	6,000.
Increased comp., --	1,700.
Total, -------	$25,700

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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December 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

This Bureau placed the following orders with the United Metals Selling Company to furnish your institution with low-bridge ingots:-

Nov. 22nd 40 tons copper @ 19-7/8¢) delivery
Nov. 29th 40 " " @ 17-7/8¢) Mint Denver

The Bureau is advised today that owing to shortage of coal the plant where the special size ingots were being prepared has shut down and the special ingots cannot be delivered for an indefinite time. As a result the Bureau has today accepted the offer of the United Metals Selling Company for the same quantity of copper in regular size ingots at the prices above named.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In reply to your telegram requesting form 2194 and 42, I would state that the Division of Printing and Stationery has been requested to mail today 2 tablets of Government Bill of Lading, and to expedite the printing of Form 42, which will be forwarded on receipt from the printer.

I enclose 50 copies pending the receipt of your order from the printer.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 21st addressed to the Director of the Mint and forwarded through the Civil Service District Secretary, recommending the promotion of Samuel L. Davidson, has been forwarded by the Civil Service Secretary to the Bureau with a letter of disapproval, a copy of which it is understood has been sent to you by the District Secretary at San Francisco. The Bureau will therefore take no further action in the case of Mr. Davidson's promotion from the position of Laborer to that of Helper, until Mr. Davidson is able to meet the requirements of the Civil Service Commission.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of December 1st, in which you state that you wish to purchase equipment for the Sweep Cellar, which will cost about $1535.00, I have to request that you will forward to the office a synopsis of bids received and description of the equipment, before the expenditure can be authorized.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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December 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Eastern Lines, for transportation of Mr. Wheeler from Philadelphia to Washington and from Washington to New York in October last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sum of $10.86.

Respectfully,

N. McRoll,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith find bill of the American Railway Express Company, No. B/10/237, covering transportation of minor coin, forwarded herewith for payment, from the profits on minor coinage, in the sum of $349.61.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1919.

Ohio & Colorado S. & R. Co.,
822 A. C. Foster Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept my thanks for your report on gold and silver production for the calendar year 1919, received today.

I am taking the liberty of returning same with request that you kindly indicate to what smelters or refineries the material was shipped with the quantity to each works, in order that I may better trace the material and avoid duplication. The information now at hand is to the effect that materially larger quantities, than reported by you, have been received by other works from you. It is presumed that the difference represents stock on hand at the beginning of 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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December 16, 1919.

Mr. F. E. Wheeler, Assayer,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Herewith I am enclosing your voucher covering travel expenses on recent trip to Philadelphia. With its return please send receipted hotel bills to support the room charges. Such receipts are readily obtainable and are regularly required.

Attention is invited to travel regulations, with special reference to the provision for stating actual expenses, and provision for separately stating the amount paid for each meal when the meals are paid for separately. Examination of the accompanying voucher gives the impression that possibly the expenditures for meals, as well as some other items, may have been estimated.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of December 9th, you are authorized to purchase the following equipment for the Sweeps Cellar, at the expenditures indicated:-

Stearns Roger Mfg. Co.

1-F x 10' ball mill	$ 515.00
1 trommel screen attachment	158.00
1 automatic plunger feeder	149.00

Colorado Iron Works Co.

1 - 8 foot collecting tank	350.00
1 36ft copper amalgamating plate	163.75
Total	$1335.75

I am returning herewith the proposals enclosed in your letter to be attached to your accounts when forwarded.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
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December 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Co., for transportation of electric meters to the Western Electric Instrument Company, Waverly Park, New Jersey, June 16, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $5.39.

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1920 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, transportation of Mr. Wheeler, from Denver to Philadelphia in October last, ---------- $55.50

American Railway Express Company, coin collars from Philadelphia, September 19th, 25th and October 7, 1919, ---------- $13.98

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 22, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

I am returning herewith the bond of Mr. Phillips and beg to say that I regret I am not in a position to reduce the penalty of the bond at this time. All of the cashiers and the chief clerks are uniformly bonded at present and if the amount of the bond of your cashier or your chief clerk were reduced at this time such a change in favor of your officers would involve a similar change for corresponding officers of the other institutions.

I have recommended to the Congress an increase in the compensation of the chief clerks of the mints, and have made an earnest plea before the committee that such an increase be granted. I hope to be allowed to pay our chief clerks $3,000 if the appropriations committee accede to my request.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries	$800
Wages of workmen	800
Contingent expense	400
Increased compensation	200
Freight on bullion and coin	100
	$2300

Respectfully,

R. D. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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January 20, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The Federal Reserve Board has requested data for publication in the Federal Reserve Bulletin concerning quarterly mint receipts of gold. It is, therefore, requested that in future form #61 be prepared promptly after the end of each quarter and forwarded so as to reach this office by the middle of the month following the close of the quarter.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

January 28, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 5 dated January 16, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York, has been examined and the gross value found to be $121,142.53. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, Gain $37.96.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 31, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

On January 6th you deposited as balance in your bullion fund checking account $95,030.55, while your accounts show that your balance in that account was $95,022.36, a difference of $8.19.

Please advise me as soon as practicable as to the source of this difference giving a full explanation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 3rd inst. concerning difference of $8.19 in bullion fund checking account, will you kindly state the source from which the money was obtained with which to buy the light weight coin in question and why such purchase did not result in reducing the checking balance with the Treasurer to agree with the checking balance carried in your account as reported to this office. These should always be in agreement.

The last paragraph of your letter referring to correction in fine ounces on Form 232A for January 1919, is not clear as there is no apparent correction on said form, which is enclosed herewith. It is noted, however, that the above difference of $8.19 now shows as a shortage in amount of bullion as compared with the daily statement for January 31st. Please give full explanation concerning this item as it is desired to get the matter straightened up in order that accounts may be kept in harmony in future.

Attention is invited to letter of this office, dated October 22, 1915, copy of which follows:-

"Until further directed you will please take into your accounts the usual entries incident to the receipt of transfer orders on shipments of bullion, at the time notice arrives from the receiving office as to the values thereat determined, considering the transfer orders subsequently received as merely confirmatory of past completed transactions. This will permit the accounts to show completion of the transactions at as early dates, and as between institutions as nearly simultaneously, as possible. All bullion reported upon by the receiving office during a quarter should be taken out of your accounts for the same quarter, as it will be taken into the accounts of the receiving office at the time reported upon. So far as practical please avoid making shipments near the

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close of a quarter, thus eliminating the probability that the receiving office will be unable to make report by the close of the quarter and reducing to a minimum the bullion in transit at the time or rendering accounts. No bullion should be in transit at the close of a fiscal year."

Please follow the direction contained in the opening sentence in future, such direction now not being observed.

Receipt for bullion #145 is enclosed herewith for endorsement and deposit certificate #171 is enclosed for the signature of the Assayer in Charge to certificate.

November voucher #22 in favor of I. L. Lyons & Co., in amount $36.96, is unsupported by dealer's proposal and your acceptance.

Payroll for the last half of December lacks the signature of John B. Laguaite for the amount credited him, $38.34. Please forward a separate receipt to support payroll.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 8, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries	$400
Wages of workmen	400
Contingent expense	200
Increased compensation	100
Freight on B & O	100

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 12, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter received by this Bureau from the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the transfer of the 10,000,000 standard silver dollars from the storage vault of your Mint.

Please treat this matter confidentially.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
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February 18, 1919.

Dear Mr. Magruder:-

I have your letter of February 14th and regret to learn that you have been ill. I hope that long before this letter reaches you, you will have fully recovered.

As you were advised by telegraph yesterday, I have asked the Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint to forward 1,500 bags and have also asked the Porter Safety Seal Company of Chicago, to forward an equal number of seals.

The cost of shipping this coin is to be borne by the British Government. This letter will be authority for you to employ the six laborers you estimated would be required to handle the shipment and to pay them at the rate of $4.00 per day. Upon the completion of the work, please forward immediately to the Bureau, receipted payroll, upon receipt of which, checks for the men will be sent to you without delay. You will not be allowed to use your wage fund in anticipation of the payment of these men.

The cost of the seals and the express charges will also be paid at the department. You will not be required to make any expenditure from your appropriations in connection with this transaction.

Respectfully,

R. D. Baker

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Leonard Magruder,
Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

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February 25, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Herewith find one copy each of your ordinary accounts current for the period ended December 31, 1918 and for the period ended January 6, 1919, for correction as to the sum of $100.00 erroneously carried under the freight appropriation; it should be carried under the contingent appropriation.

There is also enclosed one copy of your bullion account current for the period ended January 6, 1919, carrying certain pencil notations. Please forward corrected copy to accompany your accounts to the Auditor.

With reference to the item of $8.19, it is learned that this item was twice taken into your accounts, originally in the account for the period ended January 9, 1915 - see last item on abstract sheet.

Formal deposit certificate and assay report (#232) to cover, were not issued until January 29th (under new bond). The accounts under the new bond were amended to conform with assay report and deposit certificate, resulting in the item being entered the second time, and the entries now made on the account current for the period ended January 6, 1919 are to correct the erroneous duplicate entry in the January-March 1915 accounts. This will bring the Bureau's accounts and the accounts rendered the Treasurer into agreement. Please correct your daily statement to the Bureau accordingly. The reports to the Treasurer will not be

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affected by this correction. Please forward Asset & Liability statement, form 232A, for the period ended January 6, 1919, after deposit of balances under the old bond.

Proposal and acceptance to support November voucher #22, in favor of I. L. Lyons & Co., in amount $36.96, requested in letter of the 8th inst., have not yet been received.

Please give the above matters your early attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
OR OF THE MINT
ING QUOTE INITIALS

February 26, 1919.

BJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

sayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

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Memorandum of shipment No. 6 dated February 7, 1919, bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at ew York has been examined and the gross value found to be 122,097.79. For this amount a transfer has been requested from ur bullion fund to that of the Assay Offi at New York, oss $15.34.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 3, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Bill of the Philadelphia Mint for manufacture of asbestos gloves, ordered by you Sept. 23, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1919 Contingent Appropriation in the sum of $11.82.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$500
Wages of workmen, --------	500
Contingent expense, -----	100
Increased compensation, -	100

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 18, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

When may we expect to receive proposal and acceptance to support your November voucher #22, in favor of I. L. Lyons & Co., in amount $36.96, requested in letters of Feb. 8th and Feb. 25th?

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington, March 25, 1919.

ssayer in Charge
Mint, New Orleans, La.

Prepare to ship eight million standard silver dollars to hiladelphia immediately. Authorized to employ necessary labor. Transfer rder issued today.

Baker
Director.

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ARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR ----------
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2126.
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April 5, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries,	$400.
Wages of workmen,	400.
Contingent expense,	200.
Increased compensation,	100.
Freight on B. & C.,	100.

Respectfully,

A. McBride

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,
April 8, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
Mint New Orleans.

Ship Philadelphia chimpanzee dandy elk monkey mozart authorized rebel follows.

Baker

Director

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2122.

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April 12, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of April 10th, you are authorized to accept the proposals of Joseph Orvin and H. L. Richardson to purchase the old material you have on hand, it being understood that the articles enumerated are of no further use to your institution and that the prices are the highest you can obtain for such articles.

The proposals are returned herewith to accompany your accounts when sent to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

A. Mc Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your reports on form 61 covering deposits and purchases of silver during the quarter ended March 31, 1919, have been received in duplicate. These reports are not required in duplicate as the data contained thereon are aggregated for the entire service in this office.

Letter of this office dated Jan. 20, 1919, did not contemplate that duplicate reports should be furnished.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith the checks described below, in payment of payroll of laborers engaged in handling silver coin for shipment from your mint to the Philadelphia Mint, for the period ending April 18, 1919:-

No.	In Favor of	Amount
400	Louis Larpenteur	$20.75
401	Frederick Scott	18.75
402	Abel Estey	18.75
403	Clarence Scott	18.75
404	Henry Ackerhans	20.75
405	Thomas Tyler	18.75
406	Walter Johnson	18.75
407	Felix O. Louis	18.75

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 24, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 22nd enclosing a letter received from the American Consul at Puerto Cortes, Honduras. The letter has been forwarded to the Chief of the Secret Service Division, Treasury Department.

May I suggest that in case other communications reach you accompanied by specimens of coins in question, that you forward the specimens with the letter. We are required to submit such specimens to the Secret Service.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith voucher covering expense for carfares for Messenger amounting to $2.33, in connection with the handling of silver dollars for shipment to Philadelphia. Will you please advise the Bureau in regard to this item of expense as the occasion for the expenditure is not clear.

The statement will necessarily have to be forwarded to the Secretary explaining the necessity for such item before the Bureau can ask to have such payment made.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 26, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Herewith find deposit certificate #186, pertaining to your accounts for the March quarter, lacking the signature of the Assayer in Charge.

With reference to deposits Nos. 189 to 192 inclusive, made in the name of Schulz & Ruckgaber, it is requested that power of attorney or other legally executed authority be furnished to support the signature of the United Fruit Company as agent for the above mentioned firm. If the United Fruit Company made the deposit as well as received payment for same, the deposit should have been recorded in the name of "Schulz & Ruckgaber by United Fruit Co. agent", instead of in the name of "Schulz & Ruckgaber" only. Please follow this procedure in future similar cases.

With reference to rejected deposit #232, you are advised that in all such cases the endorsed receipt for bullion or canceled memorandum of bullion received, should be forwarded with the accounts as evidence that there is no liability of the Government outstanding on such deposits.

It is noted that the melting charges are not being properly applied in the case of deposits weighing over 1000 ounces. In such cases the additional charge is at the rate of 10¢ for each 100 ounces or fraction thereof and not 10% of the actual additional weight; e.g., deposit weighing 1001 ounces should carry melting charge of $1.10 and a deposit weighing 1198 ounces should carry melting charge of $1.20.

February voucher #37 in favor of Peter Judlin for halyard, etc., for flag, in amount $85.4, carries indication of purchase under methods 3 and 6. Please explain the exigency that would not permit competition.

Your report of uncurrent coin received for melting, Form 474, for the month of March, carries indication of $360. in double eagles and $470 in eagles. Compilation of the pencil items carried on the receipts for bullion indicates that the totals apparently should be $420. in double eagles and $410. in eagles. Please advise me which is correct.

It is noted that your average price of silver bullion on hand now exceeds $1.00 per fine ounce, and that shipment #1 made to New

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ark, Oct. 9, 1918, or subsequent shipments, apparently brought about the increase from less than a dollar to more than a dollar. Please investigate this and advise me whether some of the bullion has not been shipped at a price less than was paid for it.

Early reply with return of vouchers is requested.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 10, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$500.
Wages of workmen, ----------	500.
Contingent expense, --------	200.
Increased compensation, ----	100.

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 12, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

With reference to the last paragraph of your letter of the 7th inst., I have to state that your institution is the only one of the service carrying silver bullion at a higher average value than $1.00 per fine ounce. Will you please have your records traced and advise me if the gains incident to mass melting of deposits have been sufficient to bring about this result, stating in what amounts and making reference to the shipments whereon such gains have occurred.

Shipment of the metal - bars, chips and granules - representing deposits should always be made at the weight and value for which payment is made (book weight and value), not at weights and values resulting from mass meltings. All differences resulting from mass melting, etc., would then be taken care of in the gains or losses on shipments. Credit should not be claimed on shipments for more bullion than that for which payment has been made. Please follow this procedure in future.

Concerning the reporting of bullion assays you are referred to page 10 of the regulations, which provide that gold shall be reported to the quarter thousandth and silver to the half thousandth. Please follow the regulations in this respect in future.

Power of attorney covering deposits Nos. 189 to 192, requested in letter of April 26th last, has not as yet been received. Please forward same as soon as practicable.

It is noted that no shipment of bullion to New York has been made since early in February. Shipments should be made promptly, as heretofore advised; the metal should not be allowed to unnecessarily accumulate.

Please give these matters your early attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 27, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

The explanations given in your letters of May 7th and 22nd, concerning price of silver on hand, apparently do not give the true reason for the condition mentioned. Mass melt gains affect both ounces and value (when one is reduced both are) and the effect on the average price would be negligible, almost nothing at all. On October 1, 1918, when silver was being purchased at $1.00 per ounce, your silver valuation was $9.26 less than $1.00 per ounce and at the end of the quarter, December 31st, the valuation was $47.63 more than $1.00 per ounce, a total change of $56.89, which apparently must have been caused by shipment of some silver at less than its cost. Please check the October-December shipments carefully and advise me further concerning this.

By the present method of preparing shipment statement, when a mass melt results in a gain, you claim credit on your statement for the bullion representing that gain, although you have never paid the depositor for same. Since the ruling tendency of mass melting is to produce gains, you thus reduce the balance of gold and silver below that with which you are properly chargeable. By the method outlined below all differences between what you pay depositors for bullion and what is allowed by the institution to which shipped would be taken care of, properly, in the gains and losses on shipments.

On shipment statements, bars resulting from mass melting of more than one deposit should be stated at the actual gross weight and actual fineness of the mass. However, the fine weight and value carried to the shipment statement should not be that resulting from computation of the gross weight and fineness of the mass, but that resulting from addition of the fine weights and values of the portion of each deposit (as originally determined and for which payment was made) which forms a part of the mass. Unless there is good reason why this pro-

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cedure should not be followed, of which you will please advise me, please follow same in future.

I note that a shipment of bullion was made May 16th. Please make another as soon as possible, and after about July 15th ship all you have on hand, excepting samples necessarily retained; then, in future, discontinue carrying a considerable stock and ship all you have on hand as fast as it accumulates to $40,000. or $50,000. worth, keeping in mind the desirability of not having shipments "in transit" at the close of a quarter. Please advise me that you will give this matter, which has been brought to attention before, regular and prompt attention in future.

The letters, etc., pertaining to Schulz & Ruckgaber's deposits are being filed with your bullion accounts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 7 dated May 16th, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $125,551.21. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, loss $0.56.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 29, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Arrangements have been made with the Treasurer to transfer from the mint the remaining standard silver dollars now stored in your institution.

Will you please make arrangements to have the contract for the burglar alarm and electrical protection of the vaults removed at the expiration of the present contract, whichis understood to be June 30th. I understand the watch force will be sufficent to protect the building and that you will have no large amount of bullion in the Mint at any one time, as frequent shipments will be made to New York.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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June 4, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning your statement of Assets and Liabilities for May 31st, with request that indication be made whether or not any United States coin was received for melting.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 5, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$150.00
Wages of workmen, ---	166.50
Contingent expense, -	200.00

Two hundred dollars instead of $225.00, as requested, has been advanced under your contingent appropriation in order that a small balance might be available to meet possible bills for transportation, etc.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

June 13, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 8 dated May28, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $71,414.93. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, gain $77.80.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 26, 1919.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Please prepare and forward to this office as soon after July 1, 1919, as practicable, a schedule or inventory of all bullion on hand at the New Orleans Mint as of June 30, 1919, in the form indicated below. If there are any differences between the totals shown by the schedule and the balances carried in the accounts, such differences should be explained in detail. Please advise me when such schedule may be expected - that is, about how long will be required for its preparation.

Deposit No.	Actual gross weight of bars.	Fineness		Fine weight		Cost per oz. of silver.	Value of silver.
		Gold	Silver	Gold	Silver		

Total fine weight of gold, of silver, and total value of silver to be stated.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 7, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$700.
Wages of workmen, ------	700.
Contingent expense, ----	200.
Increased compensation,-	200.
Freight on B. & C., ----	200.
Total, ----------	$2000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 14, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 10th enclosing a letter received from Mr. Leigh Carroll, Manager of the Gulf Division, American Red Cross, in which he requests that he be allowed to utilitze the unused portion of the United States Mint Building at New Orleans for storage purposes for the Red Cross.

Your recommendation that this privilege be extended to the Red Cross Society is approved, it being understood that no interferance with the business of your mint will result, and furthermore that no expense to the Government will be attached.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 23, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of coin bags and asbestos mitts from Philadelphia, Oct. 4, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $3.28.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July25, 1919.

Assayer in Charge, U.S.Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " " " " " Carson, Nevada.
" " " U.S.A.O., Boise, Idaho.
" " " " " " " Helena, Montana.
" " " " " " " Deadwood, S.D.
" " " " " " " Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen:-

I am enclosing herewith a copy of Department Form 2166 covering information as to personnel.

If you have not on hand a stock of this form will you please advise this Bureau immediately.

In forwarding recommendations for appointments, temporary and permanent, please see that this form accompanys them in every instance.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.

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July 25, 1913.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your report of Absence and Efficiency for the months of April, May and June.

Will you please direct this report to be forwarded to the Bureau at the close of each month. This report is required by the Bureau for use in checking the payrolls month by month and should be sent monthly without fail.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 25, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Please forward your statement of United States Mutilated Coin (Form 474A) received at your office during the quarter ended June 30, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 25, 1919.

Assayer in Charge, U.S.Mint, New Orleans, La.
" " " do Carson, Nevada.
" " " U.S.A.O., Helena, Montana.
" " " do Boise, Idaho.
" " " do Deadwood, S. D.
" " " do Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gentlemen-

Your attention is invited to the provisions of Section 5 of the Deficiency Appropriation Act approved March 4, 1915, which requires the Department to submit to Congress on the first day of the session following the close of the fiscal year a statement relative to typewriting and other machines procured through exchange. The section referred to reads as follows-

> "That the executive departments and other Government establishments and all branches of the public service may hereafter exchange typewriters, adding machines, and other similar labor saving devices in part payment for new machines used for the same purpose as those proposed to be exchanged. There shall be submitted to Congress, on the first day of the session following the close of each fiscal year, a report showing, as to each exchange hereunder, the make of the article, the period of its use, the allowance therefor, and the article, make thereof, and price, including exchange value, paid or to be paid for each article procured through such exchange."

You are requested to prepare and forward to this Bureau at your earliest convenience a statement covering the above described machines purchased you for the period from July 1, 1918 to June 30, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

July 29, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 1 dated July 19, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $72,054.69. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, gain $36.18.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Form 8837

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July 30, 1919.

ayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

:Top:-

The apparent shortage of 24.502 oz. gold at your institution, as dis-
sed by the inventory recently received, was not anticipated by the Bu-
u, especially in view of the similar condition which obtained at the time
r predecessor surrendered the office to you. It was to be expected that
would have taken steps to avoid a repetition of such an occurrence.

The law contemplates that bullion received at an institution such as
New Orleans Mint shall be shipped at the same fine weight and value as
paid for. This is the basis on which the Auditor settles accounts. The
itor, however, recognizes that the findings as to fine weight and value,
the institution receiving shipments of bullion, are final; and permits
offsetting of losses on shipments against contra gains, and, when needed,
inst recoveries from the deposits operations.

Your institution, not having a Melting & Refining Dept. nor a Coin-
Department, is not entitled to allowance for any wastage whatever. In
s respect it is on exactly the same basis as our other institutions, in-
ding the Mints, in the receipt and handling of deposits. Wastage is al-
able only on metal of the Melting & Refining and Coining Departments - see
. 3542 R.S. and the wording of the Contingent appropriations of our large
titutions. Neither are you entitled to credit, in the account of amounts
rgeable to you, with the value of such bullion as may be recovered in
eps. Only the Melting &
ining and Coining Departments are so entitled. Sweeps at such an institu-
n as yours are considered to be an absolute gain to the Government, the
e as sweeps recovered in the deposits division of a Mint. Neither may a
rtage of one metal be made good by a surplus of another - gold for silver
vice versa.

You will therefore realize that the apparent shortage in gold, if
ual, is one of consequence to you, and that you should take steps to pre-
t additional losses. It was only with much difficulty that this office
ured to your predecessor allowance of the sweeps values to offset his short-
, and it would not be pleasant to have to appeal a second time for the same
titution in the same kind of trouble, especially as our other offices
dle their deposits operations so as to avoid shortages. You will also under-
nd from the above why it is necessary that all differences between your
ts and your returns on bullion should be taken care of as losses or gains
shipments; viz., no operative losses or gains by minor assay offices are
templated by law, and law is the accounting basis.

Your records should enable you to determine very closely, at frequent

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tervals, how you stand. If they do not now permit this, please proceed to end them. If this office can be of any assistance we will be pleased to operate. If printed or ruled forms are needed, please submit copy, carrying mple entries and accompanied by explanation of their use, in order that the rms may be understood here (See Regulations).

Record of the facts provided for on accompanying form should enable you know the cost of the various divisions (bars, samples, granules) of de-sits, and permit shipping of the bullion at cost (See Bureau letter of May , 1919). It may be that part of the data could, with advantage, be placed one record and part in another or others; possibly your records now supply me of the data; probably two divisions for bars would be necessary - one for e large bars that will not be mass melted and one for the bars to be massed. thout knowing just what records you keep I am not in position to give de-nite instructions; but with such a record of facts the total book value (or st value) of the metal on hand as well as that entering into any mass could adily be determined by addition of the various elements. Care would have be exercised when part of a deposit is used for making silver chloride, c., but the element of indefiniteness which appears now to be dominant should eliminated.

Please take this matter up at once and when you have come to a decision vise me, giving full details of the method and records by which you expect insure agreement between receipts and shipments of bullion. In the meantime Bureau will be glad to cooperate with you and render any assistance possible.

No explanation is given for an average price of silver, as per your ac-unts, in excess of $1.00 per oz.; the inventory was requested in the hope of tting something that would aid in accounting for this. Since your silver on nd June 30th all cost you $1.00 per ounce, the only probability that occurs me as to the reason for the discrepancy in the accounts is that some silver been shipped at less than its cost price. While this discrepancy became parent in the October-December 1918, quarter, the information available, in-ding the data accompanying your letter of June 11, 1919, indicates that it curred prior to that period. Please check your shipment records with the st records prior to the October-December 1918, quarter, going back, if neces-ry, for a considerable period. If the trouble is not thus found investigation ould be made along other lines. Please take this matter up in a thorough nner, with the intention of locating the cause of the difficulty, and advise of the results.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 2, 1919.

ssayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

r:-

Herewith I am enclosing your ordinary account current for the June arter, for correction to accord with pencil notations carried thereon.

Receipt for bullion No. 334 is also enclosed, lacking the endorsemnt of the depositor.

Please forward copies of your shipments to New York, and New York's ports thereon. Same did not accompany your returns.

Assay report on deposit No. 335 carries fineness, gold, silver and ase, of only 999$\frac{3}{4}$. Please advise me where the other quarter should be added.

With reference to deposit No. 316, which was withdrawn, please forard surrendered bullion receipt or cancelled memo, and such other cancelled ouchers as were issued on this deposit, as evidence that there are no outtanding liabilities of the Government on same. This procedure should be ollowed in all similar cases.

Deposit No. 301 of S.O.Scheyer carries an overcharge of 78¢ for partng and refining. The charges are indicated on assay report as 1$\frac{1}{2}$¢ per ounce, at are actually computed at 2$\frac{1}{2}$¢ per ounce. If refund is made to depositor n a subsequent deposit, please make reference to the deposit upon which the rror was made.

With reference to classification of deposits, it is noted that deposit o. 326 made by C. David and containing 15.822 ounces gold and 3.04 ounces ilver, is classified on Form 61 as old material instead of foreign bullion nrefined. Assay report carries indication that this material originated in icaragua.

Assay report No. 336 on deposit made by A.B.Michel carries indication f "Miner's bar and coin". This item is classified on Form 637 as unrefined exican bullion. Please advise me if this originated in Mexico.

Form 637 also carries under heading of "Coin", several ounces of gold nd over 6,000 ounces of silver as mixed South American coin. Judging from he notations on assay reports this should be mixed Central American coin. lease advise me as to this.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

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August 8, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries,	$500.
Wages of workmen,	500.
Contingent expense,	200.
Increased compensation,	200.
Freight on B. & C.,	100.
Total,	$1500.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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August 8, 1919.

Dear Mr. Magruder:-

This will introduce Mr. N. L. Lavergne, a member of the force of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, who handles mint accounts in that office.

Mr. Lavergne is anxious to witness the operations of the New Orleans Office and it will be very much appreciated if you will extend to him the courtesies of your institution.

It has given this office pleasure to assure Mr. Lavergne of your cordial willingness to make his visit to the Mint as interesting as possible.

Sincerely,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Leonard Magruder,
Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

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Aug. 12, 1919.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Replying to that part of your letter of the 6th inst. in which it is stated that you find no classification on form 61 as old material, I beg to refer to the item on said form "Jeweler's bars, dental scrap, old plate, etc.," which item is intended to take care of all old material.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 16, 1919.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to the letter of the 14th instant, addressed to you by Jonathan Bartley Crucible Company, relative to the sizes of cups and stirrers wanted by you, will you please forward to the Bureau a copy of your reply to Bartley Crucible Company so that ~~mr~~ we may give the same information to the other bidders.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, August 16, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 2, dated August 1, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States assay office at New York City, has been examined and the gross value found to be $66,300.67. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the assay office at New York City.

Gain, $90.84.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH

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OFFICE OF
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, August 28, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 3, dated August 11, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States assay office at New York City, has been examined and the gross value found to be $32,858.04. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the assay office at New York City.

Loss, $14.73.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH

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Sept. 5, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$500.
Wages of workmen, ------	500.
Contingent expense, ----	100.
Increased compensation, -	300.
Freight on B. & C., ----	100.
Total, ----------	$1,500.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

September 20, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 5 dated September 6, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $21,10[illegible].09. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Officeat New York, loss $3.35.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Form 8887

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

September 20, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 4 dated August 27, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $42,591.07. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York gain $31.12.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reidy

Acting Director of the Mint.

AHRL.

8837

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September 29, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith a Bill of Lading and voucher for payment in favor of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company for crucibles received by you Sept. 17, 1919, which were ordered for you by this Bureau.

The graphite goods were to be delivered f.o.b. New Orleans Mint. The cost of transportation, therefore, is included in the amount of the voucher.

I am also enclosing herewith the letter of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company quoting prices on the crucibles, together with a copy of the order to be attached to papers in forwarding your accounts for the quarter.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
O-L

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October 9, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 400.
Wages of workmen, -----	400.
Contingent expense, ---	100.
Increased compensation	200.
Freight on B. & C., ---	100.
Total, ---------	$1200.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 6 dated October 10, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $66,713.68. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, loss $93.07.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

Form 8837

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November 3, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requsition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$500.
Wages of workmen, -----	500.
Contingent expense, ---	600.
Increased compensation	200.
Freight on B. & C., ---	100.
Total, ---------	$1900.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.L.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

November 14, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 7 dated October 24, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $33,529.86. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, gain $6.54.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

Form 8837

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Nov. 19, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sir:-

Herewith find one copy each of your bullion fund and special deposit account current for the quarter ended September 30th, carrying pencil notations. Please forward amended accounts current to conform therewith. The differences are due to failure to deduct the loss in silver on one of the shipments from the gain in gold on the same shipment. The figures entered in pencil result from uniform treatment of the losses and gains of all shipments.

Also find enclosed voucher No. 9, in favor of Michael Topefer. Please return this voucher after it is signed by him.

There are also enclosed receipts for bullion Nos. 32 and 33, in favor of Sam Weil & Co. These receipts bear the endorsement of Samuel Weil & Co., Secretary. If some one signed as the Secretary of Weil & Co., the name of Samuell Weil & Co. should first appear and then the name of the person who signs as Secretary, with the designation of Secretary, and the voucher should be supported by legal evidence that such person had the authority to sign for his principal.

Receipt for bullion No. 29 carries a quantity of 1709 ounces, while corresponding assay report carries 1708.20 ounces. Please advise me which quantity is correct.

Kindly give these matters your early attention and forward required vouchers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Consideration of your letter of Sept. 23, 1919, concerning the differences between amounts of bullion on hand June 30th and the amounts shown by your accounts, has been delayed owing to the press of other business.

From the statements furnished it is noted that the differences on bullion purchases to June 30, 1919, are - on gold, a shortage of 27.164 fine ounces and on silver a surplus of 355.29 fine ounces. Am glad to know that the clean up reduced the apparent gold shortage as first reported.

The final balance shown by detailed statement of silver purchases and shipments from Dec. 1, 1914 to June 30, 1919, approximately supports the surplus above mentioned, when considered in connection with mass melts made after June 30th on bullion purchased before that date, but the quantities stated as shipped on specified dates cannot be verified as comparison with the corresponding shipping statements discloses material differences therefrom.

Please let me have the reason for these differences.

Concerning the question of loss of bullion in assaying, I am informed that such losses are so small as to be practically negligible. The practice for many years has been to so consider them.

The information received does not throw any light on the discrepancy in unit price of silver on hand. Has your investigation shown that the silver contained in each bar shipped since Dec. 1, 1914 was priced, in shipment invoices, at the same rate per ounce as was paid the depositor for the silver in that particular bar? The difference of $47.63 could have occured by shipping 476.3 ounces at 10¢ per ounces less than the cost price, or by shipping 952.6 ounces at 5¢ per ounce less than cost price, or by shipping 1587.7 ounces at 3¢ per ounce less than cost price, etc., etc.

Am enclosing a memorandum concerning the handling of bullion deposits, copies of which have been forwarded to all Mint Service Offices which ship unrefined bullion. Parts of this memorandum have been contained in letters heretofore sent to you. The purpose of the memorandum is to emphasize and explain the need for coordination between the theoretical or legal side of the business and the practical side. Some of the Mint Service institutions have been shipping their unrefined bullion at book or cost values and others at actual assay values; either method is satisfactory to this office, provided there is in use some method of keeping the actual metal balances in reasonably close agreement with the book balances.

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Beginning with December 1919, please forward semi-annually (at the end of June and December) a schedule or inventory, in fine ounces, of the gold or silver actually on hand, properly forming a part of the balances declared in your accounts for the corresponding periods. Such inventories have been requested from all Mint Service offices which do not have Annual Settlements.

Relative to your requisition for a new Weigh Clerk's Book of Deposits, it is requested that after consideration of this letter you return the enclosed sample pages of a Weigh Clerk's Book, which is of more recent design than the one forwarded by you. At the same time please advise me if the later form will meet your needs or if you desire the "remark column" narrowed so as to include columns for the fine weight of assay samples and of grains and kings.

It is noted that the form of Bullion Ledger, which accompanied your letter of Sept 23rd, is a very old form, probably in use when your institution was operated as a mint.

Within the next few weeks sample sheets of a proposed Bullion Ledger will be forwarded for your consideration. Please advise me if there is need for haste in preparing this book.

Please advise me if it is not practicable to keep your stock of bullion lower by shipment to New York more promptly after purchase. In this connection reference is made to Bureau letters of May 27th and May 29th, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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Beginning with December 1919, please forward semi-annually (at the end of June and December) a schedule or inventory, in fine ounces, of the gold or silver actually on hand, properly forming a part of the balances declared in your accounts for the corresponding periods. Such inventories have been requested from all Mint Service offices which do not have Annual Settlements.

Relative to your requisition for a new Weigh Clerk's Book of Deposits, it is requested that after consideration of this letter you return the enclosed sample pages of a Weigh Clerk's Book, which is of more recent design than the one forwarded by you. At the same time please advise me if the latter form will meet your needs or if you desire the "remark column" narrowed so as to include columns for the fine weight of assay samples and of grains and kings.

It is noted that the form of Bullion Ledger, which accompanied your letter of Sept 23rd, is a very old form, probably in use when your institution was operated as a mint.

Within the next few weeks sample sheets of a proposed Bullion Ledger will be forwarded for your consideration. Please advise me if there is need for haste in preparing this book.

Please advise me if it is not practicable to keep your stock of bullion lower by shipment to New York more promptly after purchase. In this connection reference is made to Bureau letters of May 27th and May 29th, 1919.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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November 25, 1919.

Assayer in Charge, U.S.Mint, New Orleans, La.
do do Carson, Nevada.
do U.S.A.O., Deadwood, S.D.
do do Helena, Montana.
do do Salt Lake City, Utah.
do do Boise, Idaho.

Sir:-

Please forward, so as to reach Washington as early in December as practicable, the usual estimate of gold and silver bullion receipts during the calendar year 1919, consisting of actual figures for eleven months plus an estimate for December.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

November 28, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 8 dated November 12, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $10,169.17. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, loss $10.26.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 5, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$400.00
Wages of workmen, -----	400.00
Contingent expense, ---	200.00
Increased compensation-	200.00
Freight on B. and C., -	100.00
Total, -------	$1300.00

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

December 9, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 9 dated November 21, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $15,887.52. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, loss $16.26.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Form 3837

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December 13, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

This Bureau forwarded to your institution under date of December 12th, by express prepaid, a package belonging to Mr. M. W. Frix of Soddy, Tenn., and has to request that the contents of the same be assayed for gold and silver.

I am enclosing herewith $1.63 to cover the assaying charges. Should there be any balance, after deducting the charges, will you please forward the same to Mr. Frix with your report on his sample.

Respectfully,

R. J. Baker

Director of the Mint.

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Enclosure.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REFERRING QUOTE INITIALS

December 15, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 10 dated November 29, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Assay Office at New York has been examined and the gross value found to be $98,798.29. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Assay Office at New York, loss $92.50.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 20, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Bill of the Western Union Telegraph Company for messages sent by you in connection with the melting of silver dollars in February and March last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $3.53.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Dec. 24, 1919.

Assayer In Charge, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Herewith find rough draft of proposed bullion ledger mentioned in Bureau letter of Nov. 21st. It is in columnar form and similar to the ledgers used in the large offices, in that respect. It is accompanied by a set of sample entries, in journal form, these being posted to the ledger sheets; a balanced closing statement is also indicated. In printed form each page would be somewhat larger than here indicated and the columns would have practical widths; there would be about 40 usable lines to each page.

Please give this matter immediate attention and let me have such suggestions with regard to the enclosures as considered appropriate, with indication of number of pages required for each account. At the same time please let me have reply to letter of Nov. 21st.

Respectfully,

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Dec. 29, 1919.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The accompanying account of the Western Union Telegraph Co. for 64¢ has been returned by the Auditor for the reason that it is unaccompanied by the originals of the messages sent, which originals are required in order to avoid possibility of duplicate payment. With return of the voucher please forward the originals, which the company should be able to furnish.

Vouchers in payment for telegrams should always be accompanied by the originals of the messages.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, December 29, 1919.

BJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

ayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

r:

Memorandum of shipment No. 11, dated December 6, 1919, bullion forwarded by you to the United States assay office at w York City, has been examined and the gross value found to be 5,796.49. For this amount a transfer has been requested from ur bullion fund to that of the assay office at New York City. in $5.53.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Carson, Nevada Assay Office

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January 2, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States ~~Assay Office~~,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:

Bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad for transportation of lead foil and porcelain crucibles from San Francisco, July 13, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 Contingent Appropriation in the sum of $1.52.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 3, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States ~~Assay Office~~, Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:

Herewith find one copy each of the final ordinary and special deposit accounts current of Mr. Ryan, carrying certain pencil notations. Please forward a corrected copy of each to accompany the accounts to the Auditor.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Encls.

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January 6, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919 has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries.....	$150
Wages of workmen.....	150
Contingent expense.....	100
Increased compensation.....	28

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 6, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919 has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries.....	$150
Wages of workmen.....	150
Contingent expense.....	100
Increased compensation.....	28

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 13, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States ~~Assay Office~~, Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:

Your bullion and other accounts for the fractional quarter ended December 31st have been received in this office in bad condition, the containing envelope being badly torn as a result of movement of loose packages of vouchers contained therein. Please discontinue forwarding packages of assay reports and deposit certificates loosely in large envelopes as such procedure is liable to result in loss of the vouchers as a result of their breaking through the envelope.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 11 dated January 13, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco, has been examined and the gross value found to be $23,796.73. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, Gain $18.85.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 29, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:

Herewith find one copy of your bullion account current for the quarter ended December 31, 1918, carrying pencil notation covering error of .2 of an ounce of silver in balances.

Please forward corrected copy of the account current.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

January 30, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

~~Sirx~~ Madam:-

Memorandum of shipment No. 12 dated January 21, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $18,749.17. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, Gain $46.40.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 5, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
U. S. ~~Assay Office~~, Mint
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Requisition for advance to your office of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries ----------	$120
Wages of workmen ----------	200
Contingent expense --------	75
Increased compensation ----	42

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

February 8, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 13 dated January 27, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco, has been examined and the gross value found to be $27,855.63. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco,

Gain ~~$87.30.~~

$88.40

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Due to correction by Carson

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February 8, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

With reference to your shipment #13 to the San Francisco Mint, it is noted that on bars #103 and 104 the relations of the gold fineness appears to be reversed; you report higher fineness on bar 104, while San Francisco reports higher fineness on bar 103.

Please check these assays, if possible, and advise me of the results.

The San Francisco Mint has also been requested to check their assays and report the results.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 14, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of the 8th inst. concerning lost check in favor of F. E. Meder for $2.10, I am enclosing herewith several copies of blank form concerning duplicate checks, one of which may be used in connection with this case which will require bond of indemnity in the amount of $10.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 14 dated February 13, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $18,671.72 For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, n $18.98.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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February 26, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current contingent appropriation in the sums indicated:-

American Railway Express Co. transportation of gas furnace parts from Elizabeth, N. J., Sept. 28, 1918 ---------- $2.62

Transportation of parting flasks from Ft. Logan, Colorado, August 5, 1918 ---------- $1.13
by American Railway Express Co.

Southern Pacific Railroad, transportation of envelopes from Rockville, Conn., Aug. 26, 1918 - $3.18

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

March 5, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 15 dated February 24, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $30,881.09. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, Gain $12.02. (Based on corrected shipment statement).

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 6, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$200
Wages of workmen, ------	150
Contingent Expenses, ---	50
Increased compensation,-	40
Freight on B. & C., ----	50

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

March 24, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 16 dated March 15, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $33,460.62. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, loss $13.18.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

March 31, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 17 dated March 24th, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $19,319.33. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, less $46.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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April 5, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$200
Wages of workmen, -------	150
Contingent expense, -----	100
Freight on B. & C., -----	50
Increased compensation, -	30

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, April 18, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 10, dated April 8, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco, Calif. has been examined and the gross value found to be $17,460.47. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco. Gain $9.55.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Director of the Mint.

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FORM 2837

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April 26, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Herewith I am enclosing one copy of your bullion account current for the quarter ended March 31st, also an additional account current form carrying correct figures in pencil. Please forward a corrected account current to accompany your accounts to the Auditor. It should be noted that the larger balance due the United States of $1.14, is the amount of original excess claim under date of Jan. 27th for value of shipment to San Francisco. This excess claim appears never to have been corrected in the accounts (either Mint Bureau's or Treasurer's), although entry was made for the additional gain on shipment, in the same amount; this entry for additional gain was made as though the correct value of the shipment had been claimed on January 27th. To correct the Treasurer's account an additional entry of $1.14 should be made on line 3 of transcript, "for correction of error in shipment of Jan. 27, 1919". This matter has been taken up with the Treasurer's office, who concur in the correction indicated. Reference to your abstract sheet and other records should make clear the other changes in account current figures. Corrected Assets and Liabilities statement for March 31st should be forwarded.

Assay reports Nos. 229, 231 and 234, are returned herewith for signature of the Assistant Assayer. Assay report #234 should be corrected as to fineness, in ink, in accordance with pencil corrections now indicated and these corrections should be initialed by the Assistant Assayer. The change in fineness results in a short charge of one cent per ounce for parting and refining; the amount thereof, $3.99, should be colected and covered into the Treasury as a revenue.

Receipt for bullion #240 carries a weight of 41.77 ounces, while the corresponding assay report carries a weight of 41.47. Please advise me which is correct.

Deposit #238 by R.A.Trimble carries parting and refining charges at the rate of 5¢ per dunce; correct rate is 5⅓¢ per ounce; short charge, $2.11, which should be collected and covered into the Treasury as revenue.

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In future will you kindly indicate on the left margin of assay reports the state in which deposit is mined, as has been indicated in pencil on the left margin of assay report #234 enclosed.

It will be satisfactory to this office if you render a quarterly schedule of collections on account of special assays, eliminating the monthly reports which have heretofore been rendered.

Early reply with return of vouchers is requested.

Respectfully,

M. McKeldin

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 19 dated April 21, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $23,073.46. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, less $73.55.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 5, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$200.00
Wages of workmen, ----------	200.00
Contingent expense, ---------	75.00
Increased compensation, -----	50.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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May 6, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Considerable discrepancy is noted as between your office and the San Francisco Mint in the gross weight on certain bars contained in your shipment #19 to San Francisco.

Will you kindly advise me as to the reasons for these discrepancies.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad for transportation of charcoal from San Francisco in August last, also for transportation of crucibles from San Francisco in July last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $9.67.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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May 7, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad for transportation of borax from San Francisco in June 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation in the sum of $2.94.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

May 12, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 20 dated May 5, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $24,375.23. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, loss $36.44.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
OF THE MINT
QUOTE INITIALS

May 20, 1919.

BJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

ting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

r:

Memorandum of shipment No. 21 dated May 12, 1919, bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be 24,617.57. For this amount a transfer has been requested from our bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, loss 35.87.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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May 23, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Attention is invited to an apparent error of $6.10 in your bullion accounts, as follows:

On May 8th your daily statement to the Bureau carried a debit of $6.10 charges collected in bullion, and corresponding increase of both the cash and the bullion balances, although said bullion increase was not carried into the Treasurer's daily statement until the 10th, when a corresponding increase was made in the bullion fund balance.

The issue of bullion fund check #3612 for $6.10 in lieu of the cash which appears to have been what was actually collected, and deposit of the charges in the Treasury, do not affect the above, but the transaction should have been clearly indicated in the reports; no mention of check #3612 is made in Treasurer's reports, and no letter of advice, form 550A, appears to have been sent this office concerning the revenue deposit.

On your current daily statements to both this office and the Treasurer please reverse the erroneous entries above mentioned, reducing the amount of bullion, also the bullion fund balance, by $6.10.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

May 27, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 22 dated May 19, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $23,184.26. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, loss $32.67.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
IN REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

June 2, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 23 dated May 26, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $16,846.71. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, loss $25.81.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Form 8837

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June 4, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Wages of workmen, ----------	$133.32
Contingent expense, ----------	150.00
Freight on B. & C. ----------	20.00
Increased compensation -------	30.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 7, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Bill of the Southern Pacific Company for transportation of fire clay and nitric acid, etc., from San Francisco in October last has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $10.59.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REFERRING QUOTE INITIALS

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

June 16, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 24 dated June 6, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $24,348.39. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, min $34.36.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 18, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in the sum of $50.00, chargeable to your salaries appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN: NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,

June 24, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Authorized to purchase coal and other supplies

nt contingent nineteen nineteen will permit.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

USINESS.
MENT RATES.
HE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2123.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
REPLYING QUOTE INITIALS

July 7, 1919.

SUBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 25 dated June 13, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be $35,854.11. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, gain $7.59.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL

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July 7, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$350.
Wages of workmen, -------	200.
Contingent expense, -----	125.
Freight on B. & C., ------	50.
Increased comp., --------	100.
Total, ----------	$825.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 16, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning Revenue Schedule for the month of June, with request that it be amended to include under the heading "Special Assays" only amounts collected during June, instead of amounts collected during the entire quarter.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
F-L

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July 23, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad for transportation of stationery from Washington, November 5, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $4.50.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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July 26, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam,-

Replying to your letter of July 21st you are hereby authorized to purchase an F & E Check Writer and Protector at $51.50.

Before authorizing the purchase of the Remington typewriter I would be obliged if you will inform me the serial number of the machine you have on hand and which you wish to turn in. in part payment for a new machine.

It is customary for orders for typewriters to be placed with the agent at Washington, who will instruct the representative of his company in your city to deliver the machine to you. The benefit of the sale is credited to your local agent.

The order is placed in Washington to enable this Bureau to follow up the matter more directly and get the benefit of the contract price of the machine.

Immediately upon receipt of the information from you as to the serial number of your old machine the order will be placed in Washington for a Remington and you will be advised of the exact cost.

It is noted that you wish a Remington No. 11 tabulating device. Will you please advise me of the size of paper to be used in the machine you desire. Please see page 416 of the General Schedule of Supplies for 1920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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July 30, 1919.

Miss Annie H. Martin,
Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Dear Miss Martin:-

I have your letter of July 22nd with reference to the payment by you of $18.50 for labor during the illness of the late Assayer in Charge and after he died.

There is no balance in your wage fund from which this amount could be returned to you and no other means of reimbursing you except by obtaining a deficiency appropriation. This I shall endeavor to do.

Will you please forward to the Bureau a statement to the effect that on account of the illness and death of the Assayer in Charge you were obliged to secure emergency labor and as there was no appropriation available you paid for the same from your private fund; that the employment of the labor was made necessary by receipt of large deposits and the want of help on account of the absence of the Assayer in Charge.

If you will kindly forward this formal statement I will incorporate it in a letter to the Appropriations Committee and endeavor to have this item included in the deficiency bill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 1, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Herewith I am returning vouchers pertaining to your accounts for the June quarter for correction to conform with pencil notations carried thereon; namely, special deposit account current, bullion fund account current, June assets and liabilities statement.

The $6.10 short charges of prior quarter having been collected in cash should not have been entered on the bullion account current, but carried only in the ordinary account current.

Assay report No. 365 is returned herewith for signature of the Assistant Assayer.

The amount of the check noted on certificates of deposit, Nos. 374, 375, 376 and 377, $9563.53, seems to indicate that payment of an express bill amounting to $2.81 was not deducted from the amount paid the depositor. Please advise me as to this.

Deposits Nos. 370 and 371 carry excess parting and refining charges of one half cent per ounce each; the rate imposed is one cent per ounce, while that provided by the Table of Charges is one half cent. If refund is made to the depositor on a subsequent deposit, reference should be made on the abstract sheet to deposits whereon the excess charges were made.

April voucher No. 3 in favor of the Truckee River General Electric Company covering their March bill is not found with your accounts. This voucher is stated in schedule of payrolls and public vouchers to total $7.87. Please forward the voucher.

Respectfully,

R. M. Allen

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.
F-L

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August 5, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$200.00
Wages of workmen, --------	150.00
Contingent expense, -------	125.00
Increased compensation, ---	80.00
Total, ----------	$555.00

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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August 7, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 31st, reporting that the work of testing the weights has been accomplished and the adjustment of the weights found to be to your satisfaction.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Q-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 11, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir;

Southern Pacific Railroad Co's. bill for transportation of envelopes from Rockville, Conn. February 13, 1919 has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 "Contingent Appropriation" in the sum of $3.36.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE.

Washington,

August 12, 1919.

ayer in Charge
Mint, Carson, Nevada.

Do you wish elite or pica type in new typewriter.

Baker
Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.

USINESS.
MENT RATES,
HE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 20, 1919.

Miss Annie Martin,
Acting Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:

Your successor having been appointed and confirmed there remains only the approval of his bond when he will assume charge of the Office. When you are advised by wire that Mr. Burns' bond has been approved please inform him and instruct him to take the oath, which he must do before a Judge of a United States Court, or of a Court of Record.

It will simplify your settlement with him and with the Department for you to ship out all bullion for which payment has been made, after which you will turn over the institution, with all bullion and supplies on hand, to the incoming Assayer in Charge, taking a receipt from him in triplicate, one copy to be forwarded to the Bureau, one to be retained by you, and one given to Mr. Burns. Please forward a schedule of the bullion turned over by you to Mr. Burns.

The receipt should cover not only the bullion on hand, but the inventory up to date. A receipt may be given at the time of the transfer, subject to verification as soon as the value of the bullion can be calculated, and the inventory checked.

The balances on hand in salaries and the other appropriation accounts should be turned back into the Treasury by you, and the incoming Assayer in Charge should immediately make requisition for appropriation funds to supply the requirements of the office. Bullion fund checking credit will be given him and he will be advised of same by wire when we receive notification that he has assumed charge of the Office. The balances in the bullion fund and special deposit accounts to your credit may be held until you have returns from your last shipment to the Mint.

If there is a gain on ~~mil~~ shipments you will draw a check on your bullion fund to balance it and pass the transaction through the special deposit account, as usual. If there is a loss it will be settled by you in the usual way. Checks against your bullion fund depository balance, after your successor has taken charge, may be drawn only for adjustment of gains

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n your shipments, and should bear notation in left lower corner "For Gain of shipment" to insure that the Treasurer's office will onor the same. After these matters have been adjusted the unex-ended balances in the bullion fund and special deposit accounts hould be covered into the Treasury. Your final accounts should be endered within 30 days after Mr. Burns has assumed charge.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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August 27, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:

Replying to your letter of the 22nd instant you are authorized to purchase the Chipmunk Crusher from Mr. J. P. Woodbury for the sum of $75, including fixtures; payment to be made from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1920.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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Washington, Sept. 4, 1919.

ting Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

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ASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

Washington, Sept. 4, 1919.

Ernest D. Boyle
Governor of Nevada,
Tonapah, Nevada.

Burns should take oath advise this Bureau in order that
ernment funds be placed to his credit for carrying on ~~xxxxx~~ business
Mint in his name. He can then consider himself on leave and remain
you until your work completed. Miss Martin legally authorized to
as Assayer in Charge in his absence.

Baker
Director.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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September 4, 1919.

Dear Miss Martin:

As you are about to turn over to the incoming Assayer in Charge the charge of the Mint at Carson I cannot allow the opportunity to escape me of expressing to you my appreciation of the very capable and efficient manner in which you have carried on the business of the United States Mint since the death of Mr. Ryan last November.

You assumed the responsibility by virtue of your position as chief clerk of the institution, but you have exercised the functions of the Assayer in Charge without extra compensation or extra remuneration of any kind, and have fulfilled the duties in a manner creditable to yourself, and most satisfactory to me. I have felt no anxiety as to the proper conduct of the Mint while it has been in your charge, and an expression of my cordial appreciation is offered to you with great pleasure.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Miss Annie Martin,
Acting Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WRITTEN:

Washington,

September 6, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Symbol numbers ordinary fifteen thousand seventy five bullion account fifteen thousand seventy six special deposit fifteen thousand five hundred nine.

O'Reilly

Acting Director

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RGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.
DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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September 8, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries,	$500.
Wages of workmen,	300.
Contingent expense,	200.
Increased compensation,	150.
Freight on B. & C.,	50.
Total.,	$1200.

Respectfully,

W. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 11, 1919.

The Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

The Post Master at Carson has entered protest against the manner in which bullion is handled when in transit, in that he is required to call at the Mint, receipt for and transfer to the Post Office gold bullion intended for the Mint at San Francisco.

Upon receipt of this letter will you make such an arrangement as will best protect the interest of the Government by employing someone to deliver the bullion to the Post Office. Payment for this service should be made from the fund for "Freight on Coin and Bullion, Mints and Assay Offices. It is suggested that a yearly agreement be entered into, and that the advisability of your requiring a bond, for your own protection, be considered by you.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF
TOR OF THE MINT
PLYING QUOTE INITIALS

September 15, 1919.

UBJECT: Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

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United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

ir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 1 dated August 29, 1919, f bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco has been examined and the gross value found to be 51,769.61. For this amount a transfer has been requested from our bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, gain 0.17.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Sept. 15, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

It is noted from your letter of the 9th inst., that there is an apparent difference between the value of bullion with which you were chargeable Sept. 4, 1919, and the value of that "in the vault" consisting of deposits 51-53/60.

So far as I am able to judge by the information at hand the value of bullion with which you were chargeable, at the time of transfer to Mr. Burns, is correctly stated as $5,389.45, and this value should have been on hand in the form of bars, assay samples, proof bullion, and possibly some assayer's bullion in solution. The bullion contained in sweeps is not properly a part of same since it has never been paid for with money charged to you.

A careful cleanup should be made as of the close of your duty in charge of the Mint, in an effort to secure sufficient bullion to meet your liability.

In this connection please advise me whether an inventory, showing the exact amount of bullion on hand, was made at the time you took it over from Mr Ryan, also whether records are kept so that you can determine closely, at all times, whether the amount with which you are chargeable is actually on hand.

Please inform me further concerning this matter at an early date.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 24, 1919.

Miss Annie Martin,
Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

I am just in receipt of notification of settlement by the Auditor for the Treasury Department of your claim for $16.50, paid on account of extra labor incident to the death of the former Assayer in Charge, Mr. Ryan.

As no funds are available at this time for the payment of this claim, it will have to be reported to Congress for a deficiency appropriation, and it will probably be some months before you receive warrant in settlement of the claim.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 3, 1919.

Miss Annie H. Martin,
Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Replying to your letter of September 29th, will state that the quartation silver on hand at the close of your duty as Acting Assayer in Charge may be retained for the use of the office if needed for this purpose, otherwise it should take the usual course of shipment to San Francisco. It should be priced at the average, per fine ounce, of the silver balance as shown in the accounts at the close of your duty.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 4, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$200.
Wages of workmen, -----	50.
Contingent expense, ---	125.
Increased compensation	100.
Total, --------	$475.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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TEN:

Washington, October 8, 1919.

n Charge,
t, Carson, Nevada.

Assayers of mints and Seattle Office to meet Phila-
ctober twenty-first. In recognition Miss Martin's past services
e to have her present. Expenses paid by Bureau. Assume you will
iciently familiarized yourself with details to spare her about
ks. Wire me.

Baker
Director.

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SURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1920.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ITTEN:

NIGHT MESSAGE

Washington,
October 8, 1919.

Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Understand Assayer in Charge will be on duty regularly after about middle October and consequently can permit your absence.

Baker

Director

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The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

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October 9, 1919.

Miss Annie H. Martin,
Acting Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

I am enclosing herewith request for transportation to be used by you in representing the Carson Mint at the meeting of the Assayers to take place in the Mint at Philadelphia on the morning of October 21st.

I am also enclosing copies of the Travel Regulations. Please read them carefully and observe the same. This is important otherwise confusion will arise in the settlement of the accounts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 6, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$330.
Wages of workmen, --	150.
Contingent expense,-	125.
Increased comp., ---	50.
Total, --------	$655.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 13, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

With reference to your request of the 8th instant for 500 white envelopes with printed address of the Secretary of the Treasury, for forwarding to the Division of Public Moneys duplicate report of the daily transcript, I have to advise that the Division of Public Moneys informs me they do not require duplicate of the daily transcript. It is therefore presumed that you will not need the envelopes requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 20, 1919.

Miss Annie H. Martin,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

Herewith I am returning your voucher for traveling expense, with request that a new voucher be prepared to conform with pencil notations carried on the enclosure.

The subvouchers which accompanied the travel voucher are retained in this office with the exception of "passengers cash fare check" for pullman accomodation between Chicago and Philadelphia. Please return this subvoucher with your reply and explain the apparent payment of cash fare when transportation request was used for the same service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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Nov. 21, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Bill of the Southern Pacific Railroad, No. F69741, for transportation of sulphuric acid and graphite crucible covers from San Francisco, Dec. 19, 1918 and Jan 6, 1919, respectively, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $3.24.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 20, 1919.

William A. Burns,
Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning one copy each of your bullion account current for the period Sept. 5th to 30th, 1919, and Miss Martin's bullion account current for the period July 1st to Sept. 4, 1919, for correction to accord with the facts shown by subvouchers in this office, namely, transfer from her to you of bullion to the value of $4,844.43 instead of $5,389.45, as originally shown, and balance due the United States from you of $104,844.43 instead of $105,389.45, the difference of $545.02 to be shown as a balance due from Miss Martin.

Please forward the corrected accounts current at an early date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 21, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Herewith find special deposit account current pertaining to Miss Martin's accounts for the period ended Sept. 4, 1919, for correction to accord with pencil notations carried thereon.

Also enclosed find assets and liabilities statements for the periods ended Sept. 4th and Sept. 30th, 1919, for correction to accord with pencil notations carried thereon.

On August voucher No. 7, in favor of the Western Union Telegraph Company, a night message to Washington of 12 words is charged at the day rate of 48¢. The night rate applicable is 30¢, and the difference of 18¢ should be collected and repaid into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation "Contingent Expense, Mint at Carson, 1920".

Upon inquiry it is learned that one of the National Banks at Reno is designated as a regular Government Depository. If it will be more convenient for you to make deposits at that bank than to send them to San Francisco, such procedure will conform with the requirements of the Treasury Department. It is understood that the Carson Valley Bank is a special depository for liberty bond funds only.

The Treasurer of the United States has been advised as to the differences in the bullion accounts and you will probably receive directions from him concerning the adjustments to be made in the accounts rendered to him.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

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Nov. 21, 1919.

Miss Annie H. Martin,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Madam:-

I am planning to present to the Congress at its next session the matter of shortage of $545.02, in quantity of bullion due at the time of closing your final account as Acting Assayer in Charge, with request for your relief.

The shortage appears to have resulted from an accumulation of small losses in working bullion, over the period of Mr. Ryan's incumbency as well as your own, about 4½ years, and was probably due to reporting assays a little high. It is understood that the amount of bullion actually on hand at the time of Mr. Ryan's death was not definitely determined, as no settlement was made.

The Statutes of the United States (Act of Aug. 8, 1888), require that whenever a shortage occurs it shall be reported to the Head of the Department and that the Bonding Company shall be notified. In compliance with this requirement this matter has been brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury, whose duty it is to notify the Bonding Company.

Effort will be made to have the Congress take early action on the matter, but it is possible that the case may drag along for a long time as sometimes happens in cases of this character.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

November 23, 1919.

Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

In Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Memorandum of shipment No. 2 dated November 15, 1919, at
bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint
Francisco, has been examined and the gross value found to be
.24. For this amount a transfer has been requested from
bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, loss

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 28, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Replying to the second paragraph of your letter of Nov. 22nd relative to placing a small retort in the melting room, I beg to state that you are hereby authorized to place a small retort in the melting room for the purpose of collecting the quicksilver from deposits of unretorted amalgam.

The quicksilver should be offered to the highest bidder as a by-product and the proceeds turned into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt. The purchase of the retort for the melting room is entirely dependent upon whether or not you have a sufficient amount in your contingent fund.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 4, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries,	$350.
Wages of workmen,	200.
Contingent expense,	125.
Increased compensation,	100.
Freight on B. and C.,	50.
Total,	$825.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
United States Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

I have your estimate of the 1st inst. concerning bullion received during the first eleven months of the calendar year 1919, with an estimate for the amount expected for December. This estimate is given in total only, instead of being distributed over the various states which produced same. Please forward at your earliest convenience distribution by states.

Respectfully,

W. McRoberts
Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 16, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of December 9th, I would suggest that you address a letter directly to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco and inquire if he can use the crucibles you have on hand, which are of no use to you, in exchange for some which he may be able to forward you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, December 22, 1919.

OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR OF THE MINT
INTHE POSTE INITIALS

SUBJECT. Notice of Request for Bullion Fund Transfer. Redeposits.

Treasurer in Charge, U.S. Mint,
Carson City, Nevada.

Sir:

Memorandum of shipment No. 3 dated December 8, 1919, of bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at San Francisco, Cali., has been examined and the gross value found to be $4,992.43. For this amount a transfer has been requested from your bullion fund to that of the Mint at San Francisco, less $17.21.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 30, 1919.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nevada.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant relative to check assays on certain samples of bullion, I beg to say that it is the wish of the Director that all check assays be made by the Bureau Assayer.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for transportation of stationery, etc., from Washington, March 13, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1918 Contingent Appropriation in the sum of $1.67.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to invite attention to the delay in answering correspondence concerning the accounts, with particular reference in this instance to letter of December 10, 1918, which letter carried request for early reply.

The accounts are due in the Auditor's office sixty days after their receipt at the Bureau, and the penalty provided by law for failure to receive them in the Auditor's office is a refusal of further advances under your appropriations.

It is requested that more prompt answers be made to such correspondence in future, and that the matters referred to in the letter of December 10th be given immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 7, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 6th inst. concerning table of charges, I have to state that it is now too late to make the change suggested by you, as interpretation of the table and report of revision committee confirmed by you December 23rd, was sent to all offices on December 24th. Charges under such interpretation have by this time been imposed and collected and payments made to depositors on that basis.

It will, therefore, be necessary to use the schedule of charges in communication of December 24, 1918, until such time as the table of charges may be revised.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 8, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing vouchers pertaining to the accounts of that office for the quarter ended September 30, 1918.

Relative to the item of sweeps, I have to advise that under date of August 10th a synopsis of the bids received for sweeps sold was received, but this was not accompanied by the bids themselves. The original bids together with a statement covering material sold is required to support your accounts before the Auditor. Please forward same.

Concerning the matter of receipt for amount paid Joseph E. Divver, $49.00, on payroll for July 16th to 31st, I have to advise that the accounts cannot be longer withheld from the Auditor's office and you are requested to forward an individual receipt covering this amount, rather than to await the return of the payroll in order that same may be signed.

With reference to the corrected cashier's daily statement for September 17, 1918, I beg to advise that the refund of $15.06, should have been taken up on the other side of the daily statement as a receipt instead of being shown as a deduction from the amounts paid out.

Respectfully,

A. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Bill of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, for transportation of envelopes from Rockville, Conn. July 22, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1919 Contingent Appropriation in the sum of $1.78.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

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January 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:

Salaries.....	$10,000
Wages of workmen.....	20,000
Contingent expense.....	10,000
Increased compensation.	2,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 13, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 11th enclosing bids on sweeps, synopsis of which were sent to the Bureau August 10th.

My letter of August 9th did state as you quote, that it would not be necessary to forward to the Bureau papers in connection with the sale of sweeps when asking for authority to dispose of them. It was not intended, however, to convey to you the idea that the papers need not be sent with your accounts.

Respectfully,

N. M. Parker

Acting Director of the Mint.

O.L.

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January 22, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Bill of the Quartermaster, United States Army, for six flags furnished your office in November last, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your current Contingent Appropriation in the sum of $50.28.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 25, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 15th returning correspondence from the Denver Mint relative to the inquiry of the Assayer regarding nichrome muffles used in the Assay Department of your office, I beg to advise that I am now in receipt of a letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver in which he requests that we order for him two of these muffles for his institution, the dimensions to be as stated in your letter, namely, length 14½ inches, width 7½ inches, height 5¼ inches, all outside measurements, without plates.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter from the Superintendent of the Denver Mint for file.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Encl.

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January 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia reports receipt from you sometime ago of order for the following goods, their estimated cost being herein indicated, which estimate has been set up as an incumbrance against your appropriation for the current fiscal year:

10,000	anode bags.....	$ 300
500	pairs asbestos mitts..	1,295
500	" canvas mitts....	680
300	long aprons.....	100
300	short "	85
500	pairs small sleeves...	120
	Total.....	$2,580

He also reports receiving an order under date of Jan. 13th for 300 long and 300 short aprons, the estimated cost of which is $185. This sum also has been set up as an encumbrance against your current contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Please advise me when we may expect to receive reports on the shipments of unrefined bullion from the Philadelphia Mint under date of July 25th, August 22nd and November 1, 1918.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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January 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your form #61 for the quarter ended September 30, 1918, has been amended in this office to include the surplus bullion recovered at the last Annual Settlement.

Kindly correct your records to conform thereto.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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January 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 19th on crude bullion assays:- I would thank you to state if the reassays for silver were made by cupellation.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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February 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I enclose 8 samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold and base metal made on each sample and report the results to this office. I would also thank you to return the cornets and base beads in the envelope containing the corresponding samples and to state the composition of the proofs and the amount of lead used in each case and to give the proof figures.

These bullions are approximately 170 fine in gold and 455 fine in silver.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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February 4, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your recent estimate of the number of silver dollars you would have ready for S/S due to sail February 22nd, I beg to advise you that the Bureau is now in receipt of a letter from the Secretary's office stating that the British Ministry of Shipping has requested that we arrange to have silver delivered on board the steamer not later than February 17th.

In order to comply with this request it would be necessary for us to receive report as to the weights not later than February 10th, in order that silver may be delivered by you on Feb. 11th.

The Bureau had promised the Secretary's office that you would have 1,300,000 dollars ready for export on the 22nd, and it is now understood that you are not to be required to meet that estimate.

Please advise me by telephone upon receipt of this letter, of the number of silver dollars, the weight of which it will be convenient for you to report on February 10th, for shipment out of your Mint on February 11th.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Contingent expense	$10,000
Salaries	5,000
Wages of workmen	20,000
Increased compensation	2,000

Respectfully,

M. McRoberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

February 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to advise that the recommendations contained in your letter of January 29th covering the increased compensation for certain employees in your office, have been approved by the Secretary and the payments of the increased compensation is authorized from February 1, 1919.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 11, 1919.

Superintendent.
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

This office has not as yet received notice of a credit to your 1918 appropriation for expenses of refining Russian platinum. As the bill for this service was rendered directly by your office, it is suggested that the matter be taken up with the War Department with the request that it be expedited.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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February 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I enclose eight samples of fine gold, and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

These are to replace the samples that should have gone to you January 27, 1919.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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February 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith eight samples representing four bullions and would thank you to have each sample assayed in duplicate for gold reporting the results to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying. I would also thank you to include the proof figures and the complete composition of the proofs in your report. The approximate finenesses of these bullions are:-

	Gold	Silver
1	870	120
2	362	228
3	727	238
4	344	446

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-I.

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February 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Attention is invited to the following items pertaining to your accounts for the quarter ended December 31, 1919.

Assay report #4659 is returned herewith for initials or signature of the Weigher.

Receipts for bullion Nos. 3437 and 4204 are returned herewith for endorsement. Receipts for bullion Nos. 3897 and 5410 are returned herewith for corrected endorsement.

Deposits Nos. 3901, 4007 and 4751 are represented by canceled deposit certificates, on account of the deposits having been returned to the depositors. The proper supporting voucher in such cases is the returned receipt for bullion which was issued rather than the canceled deposit certificate. Please forward the canceled receipts for bullion to support future accounts.

With reference to deposit #5225 by Balbach Smelting & Refining Co., for which a duplicate receipt for bullion was issued, reference is made to Bureau letter of November 21, 1918, with request that copy of authority to issue this duplicate receipt be forwarded to support the account, also bond of indemnity required in cases of lost receipts.

The alloy charge of $1.76 on deposit #6684 is placed in the "parting refining column" on abstract sheet. Please make correction on future abstract sheet.

Assay reports on deposits Nos. 6772, 6786 and 6790 carry notation "remelt", but no additional charge was imposed to cover same. Assay

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reports on deposits Nos. 6720 and 6754 carry the same notation "remelt", while additional charges are imposed in these instances. Please advise me as to the distinction between the two classes.

October voucher #132, traveling expenses of Mr. Bovie for September 16-27, 1918, carries a charge under date of the 18th for long distance telephone $1.25, and under date of the 26th taxicab hire $2.00. Please refer to travel regulations and furnish explanations required to support the voucher.

October voucher #159 in favor of New York Steam Co., for steam furnished during the month of August, carries a sur charge of 16¢ per kal. The contract does not seem to provide for any sur charge and it is requested that the company's schedule supporting same be furnished this office.

October voucher #160 in favor of the National District Telegraph Company for night watch service, July to September 1918, is at a different rate from that previously charged. Copy of the contract is not located in this office and it is requested that a copy of same be forwarded.

November voucher #237 in favor of Pitz & Weber Iron Foundry is accompanied by a proposal dated May 15, 1918, which evidently pertains to a prior purchase as the unit price on the proposal is 10¢ per pound, while that carried on the voucher is 12¢ per pound. Please furnish proposal to properly support the voucher. Old proposal herewith.

November voucher #275 does not carry the capacity in which D. Kiefer signs for Devoe & Raynolds Company.

November vouchers Nos. 282 and 283 in favor of the New York Steam Company are unsupported by schedule of prices. Voucher 282 carries a sur charge of 17¢ per kal. Company's schedules to support these rates are requested and should be furnished in duplicate.

November voucher #284 carries no information other than it is for postage in the amount of $40.00. Please advise me as to the denominations of stamps purchased and purpose for which same are to be used.

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Several vouchers carry changes made by drawing pen through the figures certified as correct by the dealers. The column at the right margin of voucher form is provided for use in making corrections and should be used instead of cancelling the figures or other information certified to by the payee. Sample voucher showing how corrections should be made is forwarded herewith, reference being made to your October voucher #136.

On payroll for first half of December, Walter H. Todd, Weighor, is paid for 16-1/4 days; marginal notation states he worked 25 hours overtime, equivalent to 3-1/8 days. This indicates an apparent overpayment of 1/8 day - 62¢.

It is noted that overtime is indicated in the margin of your payrolls in hours rather than in days. Inasmuch as it must be reduced to days, in both your office and ours, it is suggested that time would be saved if the margin notations were made in days instead of hours. The payrolls should also be briefed on the outside as they have to be folded.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encls.
F-L

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February 18, 1919.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bovie:

Reverting to our recent conference in regard to expenditures for the balance of the fiscal year, I would like to make the following suggestions to be considered and acted upon by you as early as practicable.

I am of the opinion that appreciable economies may be effected as a result of conference on your part with the heads of departments of your office, upon the conclusion of which they should be required to make individual reports to you in writing of ways or means of reducing expenses in the respective branches of the Assay Office.

The tremendous demands made upon you during the war have been diminished, and our costs should be correspondingly lessened without impairing our usefulness to the Government. I think it is imperative that we immediately revise the wage costs by reducing the number of employees now on our rolls. I am assuming that overtime has already been discontinued.

I shall very much appreciate any effort made by you and the officers under you to retrench expenditures in any possible way, either by improving methods of operation, economizing in the use of supplies, or having recourse to any means by which we can bring our costs in keeping with the more normal condition of business now happily prevailing.

I am counting upon your talents and efficiency as confidently as ever. One who has so masterfully handled the tremendous business which has been done this year by the New York Assay Office is, in my opinion, not without resources to meet the present conditions.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

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February 21, 1919.

Dear Mr. Bovie:--

I am enclosing herewith authorization for Mr. Lowenberg to come to Washington to confer with Mr. Frantz, in regard to a proposed blank book, which is to be prepared at the printing office for your bookkeeping department.

The letter is forwarded to you for the reason that I wish to have your entire approval of Mr. Lowenberg's visit to Washington on this errand.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver has requested that certain porcelain jars, now in the Mint at New Orleans, be forwarded to that institution.

I am in receipt of a letter from the Assayer in Charge of the Mint at New Orleans under date of February 17th, in which he states that your Melter & Refiner was anxious to secure these jars last July, but no formal request was made for them. In view of the request of the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver that he be allowed to have these jars, will you please advise me of your opinion as to whether or not they will be of more value to your institution than to the Mint at Denver.

I would appreciate your prompt reply to this inquiry.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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February 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith your statement of deposits of foreign bullion and coin, Form 637A, for the three months ended September 30, 1918, for the purpose of inserting the figures showing the amount of refined foreign silver bullion deposited and source thereof.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

AAH-RL
Encl.

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February 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 25th transmitting crude bullion assays:- It is not clear whether the figures given have been corrected by the proofs, if not I would thank you to apply the proofs and state the fineness figures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

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March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Please forward copy of authority for purchase of Millionaire Calculating Machine to support voucher forwarded with your letter of the 28th ultimo, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Please forward copy of authority for purchase of Millionaire Calculating Machine to support voucher forwarded with your letter of the 28th ultimo, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Please furnish this Bureau with a statement showing the value of fine gold bars issued in exchange for gold coin and gold bullion by months, during the calendar year 1918, similar to the tables published on page 66 in my report of last year.

There appears to be a discrepancy of $1,015.61 between the total of monthly reports and the amounts carried in the accounts of bars issued on deposits.

Until further advised it will not be necessary to send monthly reports of gold bars issued, but tabulations similar to those requested above should be forwarded at the close of each calendar year and each fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bills of the Philadelphia Mint as below, have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Anode bags, sleeves, mitts and aprons, ordered by you Feb. 27, 1918 - $2,199.35

Anode bags, mitts and aprons, ordered May 16, 1918, ---------- $59.17

Mitts and sleeves ordered June 7, 1918, ---------- $83.63

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Contingent expense, ---	$10,000
Salaries, ----------	5,000
Wages of workmen, -----	20,000
Increased compensation,	1,000

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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March 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to the matter of affidavit, Form #1079, relating to representatives of deceased employees, attention is invited to the following.

The purpose of this affidavit form is to establishthe person legally entitled to receive amounts due deceased employees, and the affidavit should not carry a receipt for the amount paid or to be paid. If the amount due is paid in cash, a separate receipt should support the payment, while if it is paid by check the endorsed check constitutes the receipt.

Funeral expenses are ordinarily the first claim upon the estate of a deceased person and it is presumed that such is the case in the State of New York.

The undertaker's receipt forwarded with your letter of the 4th inst., in the case of Mr. Morgan, seems to indicate that funeral expenses were paid by Mr. Harlow H. Morgan and if that is the case it would seem that the amount due his father's estate should have been paid to him instead of to the widow of the deceased, as indicated by the affidavit.

The affidavit and undertaker's receipt are returned herewith with the suggestion that if the facts are as indicated in preceding paragraph, a release by Mr. Harlow H. Morgan to Mrs. Alma C. Morgan be required to support payment to Mrs. Morgan. If the receipt of the undertaker should be made out in the name of Mrs. Morgan, such release would not be necessary.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of February 19th concerning voucher for $7000. rendered War Department in June last, for refining platinum, I have to advise that no word has yet been received in this office regarding settlement of the bill.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

E-L

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March 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of March 4th, you are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of the Hardinge Conical Mill Co., amounting to $4,428.00, the lowest bid received for furnishing your institution with a Conical Ball Mill with Motor Control; payment to be made from your "contingent appropriation for the fiscal year 1919".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I send herewith scrap and cornets to close your account for certificate bar samples sent to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

N. M. Rutt

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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March 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I enclose eight samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate assays made on each sample, reporting the results, together with the proof figures, to this office and returning the balance of the samples for further assaying.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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March 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning copy of your contract for the fiscal year 1919 with the National District Telegraph Company. The records of this office do not show that original of this contract has been received here and this seems to be supported by the fact that the copy does not carry the usual indication that the contract received the approval of the department. Inquiry at the office of the Auditor for the Treasury Department, results in the information that the original is not found in that office. Please look after this matter and let me hear further from you concerning same.

Correspondence forwarded with your letter of the 6th inst., pertaining to November deposit #5225, by Balbach Smelting & Refining Co., will be filed with the deposit certificate to which it pertains. In this connection, wish to state that a duplicate receipt for bullion should never be issued. In this instance the release of the Balbach Smelting & Refining Co. to the Federal Reserve Bank should take the place of the lost receipt for bullion and should carry the endorsement of the Federal Reserve Bank indicating release of claim against the government for the value of the bullion. The Federal Reserve Bank is in the same status, in its dealings with you, as any other bank and should have been required to furnish the usual bond of indemnity. It may be necessary, if the Auditor so requires, that bond of indemnity be furnished. Please forward a copy of the newspaper in which advertisement covering the lost bullion certificate in question was inserted, to accompany the account to the Auditor.

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Canceled voucher #275 of Devoe & Raynolds Company is returned herewith, it having been displaced by the copy forwarded with your letter of the 6th instant.

It is presumed that the stamps purchased on voucher #284 were registry stamps, although this was not stated in your letter of the 6th instant.

It is noted with reference to your letter of the 6th inst., that deposit #3901 for bullion returned to depositor, was a mail order. In such instances the canceled memorandum of bullion received should be forwarded to this office.

Vouchers of the Consolidated Gas Company, Nos. 158 in amount $453.12, #430 in amount $466.24, #499 in amount $689.28, are returned herewith for correction of figures in the quantity column as such quantities, at the rates indicated, do not compute to the values indicated.

Please return the gas company's vouchers and copy of the newspaper requested above, at an early date.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encls.

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March 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I have your letter of March 11th relative to the transfer of Mr. Matson from your institution to the Mint at Denver, and appreciate very much your willingness to co-operate with me in this transfer for the mutual benefit of our service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
U.S.Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Sometime ago blank form of bond was forwarded to Mr. John Humphreys and also to Mr. Buford. Neither has been returned to the department accomplished.

Will you please advise the Bureau if you wish to have this matter followed up? The existing bond of the two named men have been in effect more than four years.

Respectfully,

H. Mc Farl

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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March 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
U.S.Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Bill payable from your 1918 contingent appropriation for Millionaire Calculating Machine, in the sum of $875.00 is being forwarded to the Auditor for settlement.

In this connection, wish to state that Bureau letter of April 22, 1918, quoted in your letter of the 4th inst., was intended as authority, in a general way, to procure such needed equipment as the amount of your appropriation would permit, but not as taking the place of the usual authorization for specific items contemplated by the regulations.

Respectfully,

W. McAdoo

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
U.S.Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 12th concerning record of bullion accounts is at hand and contents noted.

With further reference to this subject, I am enclosing a rough pencil sketch and description of use of two accounts not finally agreed upon by Messrs. Lowenberg and Frantz.

The book being considered was formerly used as a register, but it is understood that it now takes the place, in part, of the ledger formerly kept. With the proposed changes it is believed that it will make practically a complete ledger of the bullion transactions, in which all the items carried to the quarterly accounts current can be conveniently recorded and aggregated.

Please advise me as soon as practicable whether the sketched forms are satisfactory, and if not, suggestions with any necessary explanations are requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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Sent to Philadelphia, San Francisco and Denver

March 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I enclose 8 samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold and base metal made on each sample and report the results to this office. I would also thank you to return the cornets and base beads in the envelope containing the corresponding samples and to state the composition of the proofs and the amount of lead used in each case and to give the proof figures.

These bullions are approximately 260 fine in gold and 385 fine in silver.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-L

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March 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Herewith I am enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the Treasurer of the United States which is self-explanatory.

Elimination of this superfluous checking account will save work in your office, in that of the Treasurer of the United States and that of the Auditor for the Treasury Department. Separate checking account under your equipment appropriation need never have been established.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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March 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding original of Bill of Lading T268596, which today arrived in this office. It evidently should be delivered to the Pennsylvania Railroad Freight Station, New York.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Encl.

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March 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 20th inst. concerning elimination of separate checking account under symbol 15066 (equipment account), I have to advise that the unexpended balance of $111.75, mentioned by you, was covered into the Treasury July 1, 1918, under your old bond. The amount standing to the credit of the equipment appropriation on the books of the Treasury is $4,780.43. When it becomes necessary to use any of this money, it will be advanced to you in the manner usual with your yearly appropriations and will then be available under your ordinary checking account symbol 15055. At present no funds under the equipment appropriation are available for you to check against and none will be until the money is advanced to you in the regular way.

Respectfully,

W. McAdoo

Acting Director of the Mint.

F&L

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March 21, 1919.

The Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 20th relative to the record of bullion accounts, I beg to say that upon the return of the Director on Monday next the matter will be brought to his attention with a view to having steps taken to satisfactorily adjust the matter other than by protracted correspondence.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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March 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I enclose two very dirty granulation samples of fine gold and would thank you to have duplicate-assays for gold made on each sample, taking the metal as it comes without any attempt to clean the sample or to cut out the cleaner portions for the assay.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly
Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L
Encl.

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March 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 20th inst., I have to advise that contract with the National District Telegraph Company, which accompanied said letter, has been marked original and approved by the Assistant Secretary and forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for his use and file. Papers which accompanied said contract are returned herewith for your file. Possibly the withdrawal of copy of contract to accompany your letter of March 6th, resulted in the notation mentioned in your letter of the 20th to the effect that your copy of the contract bears annotation that the original had been forwarded to the Bureau Feb. 25th, which date is subsequent to that of Bureau letter dated Feb. 17th stating that copy of the contract was not found here.

Again referring to the matter of lost bullion receipt #5225, issued in favor of the Balbach Smelting & Refining Company, and intimation in your letter of the 20th inst. that authority for issue of duplicate had been granted by this office, reference is made to letter of this office dated Nov. 21, 1918, in response to request for authority to issue a duplicate receipt and waive requirement of indemnity bond. While letter of this office did not specifically state that the requested authority for issue of a duplicate bullion receipt was denied, it did state that a release of the claim of the Balbach firm in favor of the Reserve Bank would be necessary. As such is the function that would have been performed, as between those two firms, by the original bullion receipt if not lost, it was considered that the inquiry had been answered in the negative and that the procedure prescribed by the regulations would be followed. The Bureau's letter stated specifically that it was without authority to waive the requirement of an indemnity bond, but no bond was filed with the accounts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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March 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
U.S.Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated March 18, 1919, concerning elimination of the separate checking account under your equipment appropriation, I have to advise that upon checking this matter up, the Treasurer's office state that when your balances were covered in, July 1, 1918, under the old bond, check number 5602 under symbol #15055, included the equipment balance of $111.75 with the other appropriation balances.

In order to clear the records the Treasurer's office desire that you draw a check under symbol #15066 for $111.75, this amount to be credited to the ordinary checking account under symbol #15055. If you do not now have a check with the printed symbol #15066, please change the figures on one of the other checks to carry the symbol $15066 and use same.

Certificate of deposit should be made out on form 6599, a set of which is enclosed herewith.

Please give this matter your early attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

March 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone conversation of this morning advising you that the Civil Service Commission notified the Bureau over the telephone that Mr. Timothy J. Quirk was on the "suspended" list of eligibles for appointment to the position of Assistant Metallurgical Chemist.

Mr. Quirk was offered two positions by the Civil Service Commission and declined both. The Civil Service requirements call for an explanation from a candidate who declines an appointment. Mr. Quirk not having explaned in either case why he declined it, as an effect his name was placed on the suspended list.

Will you please instruct Mr. Quirk to write immediately to the Civil Service Commission advising them of the reason why he declined appointment. It is noted that on Nov. 1, 1918, the Ordnance Department offered Mr. Quirk a position. It is also noted that at that time Mr. Quirk was employed as a Chemist Foreman & Laboratory Supervisor, Air Nitrates Corporation, Special Agents U. S. Ordnance Department, at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. I would suggest that Mr. Quirk make this fact clear to the Commission.

As soon as Mr. Quirk has placed his letter on file with the United States Civil Service Commission in Washington, it is understood that his name will be restored to the list. Immediately upon this having been accomplished you will please make application to the District Secretary for a list of names eligible for the appoint to the position vacant in your office. Mr. Quirk's name should be certified to you immediately.

I am returning herewith enclosures attached to your letter of March 28th, as you request.

Respectfully,

M. Mehlhaff

Acting Director of the Mint.

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April 1, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of Dec. 12, 1918, forwarding three vouchers in the amounts of $11.00, $16.00 and $20.00, covering work performed for the Department of Interior, Bureau of Mines, I have to advise that inquiry made of the Bureau of Mines discloses that these vouchers have evidently been lost.

Will you kindly forward duplicates of same in order that your appropriations may be reimbursed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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April 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a small piece of metal said to be gold and silver, the property of Mr. Cranston, whose name is on the wrapper.

Will you please be kind enough to receive this small piece and forward a check for it to Mr. Cranston, c/o Chief Clerk, Treasury Department?

Mr. Cranston is a Watchman in the building and I will be obliged if you will be kind enough to accept this small deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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April 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that Mr. Samuel B. Frantz, Examiner, Bureau of the Mint, expects to be at your office on Saturday morning to go over with you some matters in regard to the methods of bookkeeping involved in the letter recently sent to the Bureau as a result of Mr. Lowenberg's visit.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-L

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April 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Contingent expense -----	$10,000
Wages of workmen --------	8,000
Increased compensation -	1,000

Eight thousand dollars instead of ten thousand dollars have been advanced under your wages appropriations, as there is not now sufficient money available under your wages appropriations to meet your request for ten thousand dollars.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Herewith I am forwarding travel vouchers Nos. 457, 533, 534 and 578, pertaining to your accounts for the months of January, February and March, also copy of travel regulations effective Jan. 1, 1919, with request that vouchers be prepared to conform with the travel regulations.

Copy of these travel regulations was forwarded your office in December last.

Attention is also invited to the apparent overcharge for railroad fare on vouchers Nos. 457, 533 and 534, as the additional charge, previously in effect, for the privilege of riding in the Pullman, was discontinued in December.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of March 26th, I have to advise that the check for $7,000.00 has been cashed and the amount covered into the Treasury by CD4945, dated April 1, 1919, to your personal credit and to the credit of the appropriations and in the amounts indicated in your letter.

This should be taken into your ordinary account current for the April-June quarter as both a collection and a deposit and carried in the blank columns, which should be headed with the appropriate appropriation names.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 16, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of December 9th, relative to a deposit of iridium grains forwarded through the State Department, I beg to say that the Bureau is in receipt of a communication from the Secretary of State requesting that payment for the value of the deposit be sent to the following address:-

Mr. W. de L. Kingsbury, American Consular Agent,
Care of the Kingsbury Trading Company,
No. 3 Ni-Chome,
Shinyanagimachi, Nakaku, Nagoya, Japan.

Under date of December 11th the State Department was advised by this Department that you would be instructed to forward to the Ordnance Department the necessary certificate upon which payment would be made direct to the Depositor upon receipt of advice as to the name in which the deposit was to be entered.

Under date of April 16th the State Department was informed that the necessary instructions would be sent to you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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April 22, 1919.

Dear Mr. Bovie:-

This will introduce to you Messrs. George C. Gerrish and Robert H. Leach, Manager and Assistant Manager, respectively, of the Bridgeport Plant of Handy & Harman, who have requested the privilege of inspecting your methods for refining and parting gold.

Will you kindly extend to them facilities for making the inspection requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

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April 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

At the request of Messrs. Handy & Harman, letters of introduction to you for Messrs. Gerrish and Leach, Manager and Assistant Manager, respectively, of Handy & Harman's Bridgeport Plant, are being forwarded to them for use in visiting your institution to inspect the methods in use for refining and parting gold and silver.

I trust it will be convenient for you to extend to these gentlemen facilities for making such inspection.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

April 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I enclose 8 samples of crude bullion and would thank you to have duplicate assays for gold and base metal made on each sample and report the results to this office. I would also thank you to return the cupels and base beads in the envelope containing the corresponding samples and to state the composition of the proofs and the amount of lead used in each case and to give the proof figures.

These bullions are approximately 280 fine in gold and 380 fine in silver.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
D-1.

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May 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Wages of workmen, ----------	$ 400.
Contingent expense, --------	20,000.
Increased compensation, ----	1,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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May 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I would like to detail Mr. Schauwecker to the Mint at San Francisco to assist in the settlement at that institution, which is to begin June 10th.

Will you please advise me by return mail if he can be spared from your institution.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

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May 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Herewith I am enclosing the original final sheet of your bullion account current for the March quarter, with request that correction be made of receipts for reimbursement on account of sweeps sold, as indicated in pencil.

Also enclosed please find assay report #7610, on which there is a discrepancy of one hundred thousandths in the content of the material, as reported.

There are also enclosed herewith the following deposit certificates and receipts for bullion to be corrected as to endorsements:- Nos. 7655, 7732, 7792, 7802 and 10074.

Assay report on Philadelphia redeposit #2 apparently is not present as I have been unable to locate it.

Please forward copy of authority for purchase to support voucher #422, six lockers bought from Lyon Metallic Company, $89.23; also for voucher #425, telephone installation by Peters & Randall Company.

Travel vouchers Nos. 457, 533, 534 and 573, recently returned, do not carry the time of departure and arrival as called for by travel regulations effective Jan. 1, 1919; however, in this instance the vouchers will be forwarded to the Auditor without same. With reference to voucher #457, you are advised that there is an apparent overcharge under date of Jan. 22nd of $2.50, the hotel bill charged under the 23rd really pertaining to the 22nd.

On vouchers Nos. 549 and 589 in favor of the Western Union Telegraph Company several night messages are charged at day rates making overcharges of 25¢ and 24¢ respectively.

On payroll for the second half of February, M.J.Rabat is credited with increased compensation for full half month, although he was not in pay status for 5 days of the period. The overpayment of $1.67 should be repaid to the credit of the appropriation. Increased compensation should be figured at the rate of 33-1/3¢ per day for per annum employees and 38-1/3¢ per day for per diem employees for the time each is in a pay status (other than overtime); see letter of this office giving the substance of Comptroller's decision on this point, forwarded you sometime ago.

Early reply with return of vouchers and other needed information is requested.

Respectfully,

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May 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Your bill in the sum of $11,815.42 against the War Department for platinum work is today being referred to the War Department, with request for early settlement.

Prior bill for $13,061.29 was put into the hands of the Accounting Division of the War Department on April 24th last with request for early settlement. If notice of settlement is not received within the next few days, inquiry will be made with a view to expediting same.

Please advise me if the amount of $9,795.97, carried in the first bill, will be sufficient to meet your needs in the wages appropriation during the current fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Co. for transportation of flags from Philadelphia to your institution in May 1917, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1917 contingent appropriation in the sum of 55¢.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

May 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bill of the War Department for flags received by you April 3, 1919, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $40.50.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

May 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of May 6th, you are authorized to purchase one steel filing cabinet and one horizontal roller shelf section to cost approximately $125.00, it being understood that this bid is the most advantageous obtainable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

May 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In your report of crude bullion assays of the 9th the second gold on #6 is given as 291.5 and the base-metal proofs as 310, 311, 310 and 309. I would thank you to verify these figures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

May 14, 1919.

Dear Mr. Bovie:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 13th, stating that the employees of the United States Assay Office at New York made another 100% subscription to the Victory Loan.

I take pleasure in congratulating you on being at the head of an office so patriotic and I am glad to say that I counted upon this degree of loyalty from the men of your institution. I was sure they would not fail us.

I have taken pleasure in forwarding your letter to the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury and calling the attention of the officials to the record of the employees of the Assay Office at New York.

Sincerely yours,

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

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May 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I would thank you to apply the proofs to the base metal assays reported on the 9th and to state the figure at which the base metal would be reported for each assay.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

May 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of May 19th, you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Automatic Electric Company, Inc., 21 East 40th St., New York City, to install in the United States Assay Office an automatic interior telephone system to be placed both in the present building and in the building now under construction. The system for which this letter is approval is understood to be as follows:-

Automatic Exchange having an ultimate capacity of 50 lines equipped for 37 telephones, 3 of which are to be mine type and to include 3 extra telephones, bell boxes and line switches. The equipment to include power board, automatic charging witch, voltmeter, ammeter, ringing and busy machine, one motor generator and one storage battery arranged for 110 V.D.C.
Total price $2718.00

Cost of wiring, with telephones located at points indicated 632.50
Total $3350.50

It is understood that this contract is to be let at this time and the instruments installed in the present building and that arrangements have been made to withhold part of the purchase price and part of the installation price covering the installation in the new building, until such time as the system can be installed there.

Payment for this installation is to be made from the appropriation "Contingent expense, Assay Office at New York 1919".

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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May 22, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Your bills forwarded sometime ago against the American University Experiment Station of the Bureau of Mines, in the sums of $20.00, $16.00 and $11.00, total $47.00, have been settled by check. The check has been cashed and C/D No. 5277 dated April 23, 1919, has issued covering same. The amount of the C/D has been placed to your personal credit and to the credit of your appropriations as follows:-

Wages of workmen, Assay Office at New York 1918	$43.50
Contingent expense, Assay Office at New York 1918	3.50
Total	$47.00

These transactions should be taken into your ordinary account current for the April-June quarter as both a collection and deposit, and carried under the appropriate appropriation names, blank columns on the account current being used.

In this connection will state that when you receive cash or check covering an amount that is to be deposited in the Treasury (not to your checking credit) the deposit may be made at the Sub-Treasury and C/D obtained and handled in the manner usual with deposit of special assay charges, etc., thus avoiding the sending of the amount to Washington prior to the issue of certificate of deposit.

Respectfully,

M. McKelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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May 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your contingent appropriations in the amounts indicated:-

Chargeable to your 1918 appropriation

American Railway Express Company - anode bag, mitts and aprons from Philadelphia, May 14th, 21st, 1918 ---------- $3.57

American Railway Express Company - aprons, etc., from Philadelphia., May 20, 1918 ---- $1.17

Chargeable to your 1919 appropriation

American Railway Express Company - transportation of mitts from Philadelphia, October 2, 1918 ---------- $1.88

Philadelphia Mint for anode bags, mitts, sleeves and aprons ordered July 16, 1918 - $3010.01

American Railway Express Company - transportation of mitts, etc., from Philadelphia, Jan. 27, 1919 ---------- $2.56

American Railway Express Company - transportation of platinum, Oct. 4, 1918 - $1.30; mitts from Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1918 - $.95; anode bags, etc., from Philadelphia, Aug. 23, 1918 - $2.78; anode bags, etc., from Philadelphia, September 13, 1918 ---------- $2.28,
total ---------- $7.31.

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Chargeable to your 1917 appropriation

American Railway Express Company - transportation of mitts, etc., from Philadelphia, Sept. 26, 1916 ---------- $.69

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

May 27, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of April 11, 1919, forwarding account against the Chief of Ordnance for $13,061.29, you are advised that this account has now been settled by settlement of the Auditor for the War Department No. 2853, dated May 12, 1919. The amount has been placed to the credit of your appropriations, as indicated in said letter, on the books of the Treasury Department and is now available for advance to you to meet your expenses.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

May 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your report received today of unparted bullion, shipment No. 4 from the Mint at Philadelphia, will you please forward to this office samples for check assay of bars Nos. 1460, 1604, 2046, 2417, 2418, 2510, 2563 and mass melt No. 3 following bar No. 2061, also mass No. 8 following bar No. 2983.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

May 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In your report of crude bullion assays of the 9th the base proof is given as 150 gold, 200 silver, 100 copper. I would thank you to verify these figures.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-J.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 2, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I am forwarding to-day, under separate cover, a box of silver table-ware. Will you please receive the same as a deposit and remit the value, less the usual charges, to Honorable Charles B. Henderson, United States Senate.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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June 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Samples of bullion contained in Philadelphia Mint's shipment No. 4 have been received, as requested.

Will you kindly advise me as to the methods used in making assays on this bullion, also on that contained in shipments Nos. 1, 2 and 3 - whether the reported finenesses were obtained from use of chip or of granulation samples, and whether the silver finenesses are the result of humid assay or of base-metal determination, etc.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F.L.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Contingent expense, ----------	$10,000
Wages of workmen, ----------	11,600
Increased compensation, -----	400

There has been advanced under your wages appropriation $1,800.00 more than was requested. Please advise me whether this amount will enable you to meet your wages payrolls for the remainder of the fiscal year or whether it will still be necessary for me to urge prompt settlement by the Auditor for the War Department of your bill for platinum work.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning contract with the National District Telegraph Company for the installation of night watch and fire alarm boxes and beg to call your attention to letter of this office dated May 9, 1919, enclosing a copy of provision which is to be attached to all contracts and become a part of the same. Will you please have this provision copied and attached to this contract and return to this office, when the contract will be approved.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 3rd regarding the Bureau reports on test assaying:- All the assays given in the report of May 7th were made on the samples that were taken when the bullions were melted under our assayer's supervision and have no connection with any samples or assays previous to that melting. Denver's report on #3848 when it was received as a deposit was 210.75 fine in gold.

Already samples are being sent out for test assaying with the request that the assayers treat them as they would treat the samples representing a deposit and to state the figures at which they would report the metal. In the end these test may raise the question of the number of assays necessary to properly determine the value of a deposit.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 5th inst. replying to the Bureau's letter of the 3rd concerning methods of assaying bullion redeposited by the Mint at Philadelphia, will state that the Bureau is interested in learning the reason for the considerable differences that have occurred on some of the items making up these redeposits.

The matter has been brought to the attention of the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint and I am informed that the Assayer of that institution calls attention to the fact that if silver assays are made by both the base metal and humid process, the variation in fineness may be as much as 30 thousandths or more, the base metal method giving larger content of silver. He was unable to account for the increase of 6 thousandths in fineness of gold on bar No. 13215 pertaining to shipment No. 1.

He also states that silver finenesses are always determined by the humid process although sometime ago the base metal process, making an allowance for platinum, was used on the smaller deposits. I note that your silver finenesses are all based on humid assays.

Will you kindly let me have such information as will aid in determining the reasons for these larger differences, some of which follow:-

Shipment No. 1

Bar No.	12896	difference of	.007	in	fineness	of	silver
" "	13215	"	" .006	"	"	"	gold
" "	13893	"	" .0135	"	"	"	silver
" "	18855	"	" .025	"	"	"	"

Shipment No. 2

Mass Melt No. 3		difference of	.012	in	fineness	of	silver
" " " 4		"	" .034	"	"	"	"
" " " 10		"	" .010	"	"	"	"

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Shipment No. 5
Mass Melt No. 5 (2nd) difference of .008 in fineness of silver

Shipment No. 4
Bar No. 2417 difference of .01075 in fineness of gold

Respectfully,

Th. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

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June 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Your attention is invited to the Revenue Act of Feb. 24, 1919, Title III, Stamp Taxes, Section 1102, and Schedule A, Stamp Taxes, Paragraph 2.

It should be noted that revenue stamps must be attached to all bonds of indemnity and surety; this includes indemnity bonds on lost bullion receipts as well as lost checks, etc.

Please take steps to insure that revenue stamps are attached to all future bonds requiring same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 11, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith copies of the proposed contract for the installation of night watch and fire alarm boxes by the National District Telegraph Company in the new building. Will you please accomplish this contract by signing it and having the signature of the firm and the contractor attached.

When the signed contract is received in the Bureau it will be approved by the Secretary and the original forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for file. The duplicate and triplicate will be returned to you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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June 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., forwarding affidavit in the matter of amount due at date of death of Peter A. Mayers, October 12, 1918.

From the information available, it is understood that this voucher pertains to payroll for the first half of October, 1918, and that expenditure was claimed at that time for the amount covered by this affidavit, $50.94. It is also presumed that this amount has been held by your cashier in the form of a check, stated to have been delivered to Mrs. Mayers June 10, 1919. When an expenditure is claimed in an account, release is thereby claimed from further accountability; in this case it appears that release of accountability was claimed about eight months prior to actual payment. A check drawn and held, such as this appears to have been, is under the control of the drawer; he is properly accountable for the amount it represents in the same manner as though the check had not been drawn, and release should not be claimed from such accountability until the check passes out of possession. An illustration may make the matter clearer - a drawn check held by the drawer is no better evidence of payment than would be money in the pocket of a person, which he intended to use in payment of a particular bill. Please advise me if this voucher should be sent to the Auditor to support payroll for the first half of October, 1918.

Attention is also invited to the fact that the affidavit form relating to representatives of deceased employees is intended for the purpose of establishing the person who is legally entitled to receive the amount due. Such being the case it should not be amended to carry a receipt for payment, which ordinarily has not been made at the time the affiant signs the document. Such payment should be evidenced in the regular way, either by endorsed check or by a separate receipt. Please discontinue amending the affidavit forms used in future, to include receipt for payment.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

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June 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Will you please to be prepared and forwarded to the Mint at Denver the motor-generator set that is now in the Assay Office at New York and not in use.

It is understood that the Mint at Denver will be charged with the cost of packing and shipping the set.

The Superintendent of the Mint at Denver has this day been advised that authority has been given you to transfer the motor set to him.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 13, 1913.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith the samples from shipment No. 4 forwarded by you on May 31st, in response to request of this Bureau dated May 29th.

Respectfully,

M. M. Kelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

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June 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement chargeable to your contingent appropriations in the amounts indicated:-

Pennsylvania Railroad Lines - stationery, etc., from Washington, March 4, 1919, chargeable to your 1919 appropriation in the sum of --- $4.05

Bill of the New England Steamship Lines covering transportation of envelopes from Rockville, Conn., June 17, 1918, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation in the sum of ---------- 32¢

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

You are advised that your bill in the amount of $11,815.42 against the Ordnance Department for work on platinum deposits forwarded with your letter of Mar 2, 1919, has been settled by the Auditor for the War Department, settlement No. 2930, dated June 13, 1919.

The amount of said bill will be available within a few days time for advance to you in the regular way to meet your expenses for the current fiscal year.

Relative to the question of test assays on bullion shipments from the Philadelphia Mint, will state that it is not contemplated that any further samples of shipment No. 4 will be required.

Respectfully,

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Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your settlement, which is understood to begin on June 23rd, I beg to advise you that the following is the personnel forming the Committee:-

Mr. Wells - Coiner Mint at Denver
Mr. Meredith - Private Secretary United States Mint, Phila.
Mr. W.M.Thompson - Executive Secretary of Asist. Secretary Leffingwell's Office
Mr. Krueger of the Denver Mint.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

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June 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendations contained in your letter of recent date, you are hereby authorized to enter into contract with the following named firms to supply your institution with supplies for the fiscal year 1920:-

American Towel Supply & Laundry Co.

Laundering Towels, each ..... $.0125

Asbestos Textile Co. Inc.

Asbestos cloth (40" wide), yard $2.75

The Conley Foil Company.

Lead Foil, to be cut, with paper between to prevent edges adhering into pieces about 2½" x 1-3/8", weighing 5 grams each or 6 to the oz. Troy, to be free from gold and silver, antimony, bismuth and tin, per lb. ..... $.165

Croton Chemical Company.

Sodium Nitrate, per lb. ..... $.045

Chas. Cooper & Co.

Bone Ash 30-60 mesh, per lb. ..... $.04
" " 60-80 " " " ..... .04
" " 80-100 " " " ..... .04

The Denver Fire Clay Company.

Crucibles, Clay, (D.F.C.) 4-3/8" x 7" ..... each $.24

General Chemical Company.

Ammonia Water, C.P. 26% in 4 lb. bottles, per lb. ..... $.14
Sulphuric Acid 66 Baume, commercial, per lb. ..... .0135
Sulphuric Acid 66 Baume, in 9 lb. bottles, C.P. per lb. ..... .08
Ammonia Water, C.P. 26% in 6 lb. bottles, per lb. ..... .08

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General Chemical Co. continued

Muriatic Acid, commercial, per lb. ..... $.015
Ammonium Chlorid, C.P. per lb. .....
1 lb. bottles $.46; 5 lb. bottles $.40; bulk $.34 .....
Iron Sulphate, commercial, per lb. ..... .0125
Nitric Acid 40° Baume, free from Cl. per lb. ..... .07
Nitric Acid, C.P. 42° in 7 lb. bottles, per lb. ..... .14
Nitric Acid C.P. 42° in carboys, per lb. ..... .13

Goodyear Rubber Company.

Gauntlets, heavy acid proof, white, long rubber gloves, size 16, men's, per pair $3.00

Leon Hirsh & Son.

Borax, crystal, refined, per lb. ..... $.076
Ammonium Chloride, 99% in barrels, free from iron, per lb. .... .14

B. McDermott

Charcoal, powdered, 150 lbs. to barrel, per ton $50.00
Charcoal, granular, 150 lbs. to barrel, per ton $50.00

National Ice & Coal Co. Inc.

Ice, daily supply, 300 lbs. per cwt. ..... $.40

E. B. Newman

Charcoal, lump, per bag of 3 bus. (no bags to be returned) per bag $.90

Penna. Salt Mfg. Company.

Cryolite, in barrels, per lb. ..... $.0925

National District Telegraph Co.

Manual Night Watch and Fire Alarm Signal System, including 13 bxs. $360. per yr.

New York Telephone Co.

Service for fiscal year ending June 30, 1920 ..... $590.10

Standard Oil Company of New York

Fuel Oil (as per specifications) per gallon ..... $.0615

Respectfully,

W. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 19, 1913.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith contract for night watch and fire alarm boxes in the new building. After examining the contract will you please return to this Bureau the original for file in the office of the Auditor.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly,

Acting Director of the Mint.

C-1
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1919, has been approved in the sum of $5,000.00 under the appropriation "wages of workmen".

Respectfully,

[illegible]

Acting Director of the Mint.

EF-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Will you kindly prepare and forward your report covering the operations of your institution during the fiscal year 1919 at as early a date in July as practicable. This is necessary because the Secretary of the Treasury requires information concerning our operations shortly after the close of the year.

The report should be in duplicate and I would appreciate a short description of all outstanding features of the year's operations, special reference being made to adopted improvements or new features which may be of general or service interest. New features should be explained somewhat in detail.

Statistical data classified as shown on pages 17 to 33 inclusive of annual report for the fiscal year 1917-18, should be forwarded for the fiscal year 1918-19, unless same are fully stated in regular quarterly or yearly reports, which reports should be forwarded as soon as practicable. If errors have occurred in quarterly reports so that their aggregation will not produce correct yearly totals, such information as will effect reconciliation should be furnished.

Melting and Refining Department ~~[illegible]~~ operations should be reported on the new forms, forwarded the 2nd instant.

If part of the data will not be available until later than July, please do not delay forwarding the remainder of the report.

Respectfully,

M. W. Gill,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 28, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of June 27th, you are authorized to purchase office furniture, consisting of desks, office tables and revolving chairs, amounting together approximately to $500.00, to be charged to your 1919 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. McRell

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

June 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to purchase two assay balances for use in the Assay Department of your institution, amounting to approximately $350.00, to be made from your 1919 contingent appropriation.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

G-1

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a button left by Hon. A. B. Rouse, House of Representatives.

Will you please forward to Congressman Rouse directly, the value of the deposit and advise this Bureau when it has been done.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Contingent expense,	$10,000.
Wages of workmen,	20,000.
Salaries,	10,000.
Increased compensation,	4,000.
Total,	$44,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of June 14th, I have to advise that affidavit in the case of Peter A. Mayers has been forwarded to the Auditor for file with your payroll for the first half of October 1918.

Concerning statement that it was impossible to have delivered this check at an earlier date, I have to state that checks should not be drawn until vouchers fully supporting authorized expenditures are in hand and until there is reason to believe that they can be delivered at an early date. The indefinite holding of drawn checks is troublesome as well as not good accounting practice.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 8th enclosing correspondence of the firm of Barber, Watson & Gibboney relative to deposits made at the Assay Office by one Louis F. Loihle.

There is no similar case on record in the Bureau and I regret that I am unable to offer you any conclusion drawn from a precedent.

It would appear that you are within the bounds of safety in notifying the attorneys that you cannot indefinitely continue to withhold the proceeds of the deposit from the depositor without a court order or an injunction.

Enclosed herewith find the correspondence forwarded with your letter as requested.

Respectfully,

N. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O.L.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am returning herewith duplicate of contracts, the originals of which have been forwarded for file to the Auditor for the Treasury Department, same having been formally approved by the Secretary.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L
Encl.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation, in the amounts indicated:-

New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R., envelopes from Rockville, Conn. in May last ---------- $.80

Philadelphia Mint, mitts, sleeves, aprons and anode bags, ordered March 18, 1919 ---------- $935.82

Philadelphia Mint, aprons ordered Jan. 11, 1919 ---------- $240.13

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F.L.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith duplicates of contracts entered into by your institution with the New York Telephone Company, the originals of which have been duly approved and forwarded to the Auditor for file.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encls.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith correspondence received today from Mr. Joseph Hanson, which will explain itself.

The deposit referred to was one of many received at the time indicated and forwarded to you with numerous others.

Is there any possibility of tracing or identifying this deposit at this time?

Respectfully,

Th M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to confirm telephone communication of this date, relative to the deposit now being held at your office, which was placed there by Louis F. Loihle.

Mr. Barber of the firm of Barber, Watson & Gibboney called this office by telephone this morning and requested that you be authorized to hold the deposit for a further period. Mr. Barber was advised that it would be impossible for us to hold the deposit indefinitely. He was, however, advised that you would be requested to hold the deposit a few more days with the understanding that his firm would make an effort to obtain a court order or injunction covering this case.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that the recommendations for increased compensation, contained in your letter of the 9th inst., have been approved effective July 1, 1919.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to the claim made by Mr. Jos. Hanson, 942 West 8th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, that a deposit of platinum had been forwarded to the Bureau, and to your letter of March 17th addressed to Mr. Hanson, will you please return to this office the letter of Mr. Hanson addressed to the Bureau and sent to your office.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 18, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith the account of Mr. Schauwecker of expenses incident to his service as a member of the Settlement Committee at Philadelphia.

Will you kindly call Mr. Schauwecker's attention to the notations on the margins of the voucher. The account was approved by me previous to the deduction of $1.50, excess room charge.

I regret to be obliged to request Mr. Schauwecker to render a new account.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of one box from Oxwald Acetylene Co., Newark, N.J., in June 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1918 contingent appropriation in the sum of 32¢.

Bill of the American Railway Express Co. has also been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $10.72, items as below:-

Mitts, etc., from Philadelphia, Feb. 11, 1919 ----------	$ 5.01
Mitts and sleeves from Philadelphia, Aug. 6, 1918 ------	1.98
Mitts from Philadelphia, July 19, 1918 ----------	.85
Mitts and sleeves from Philadelphia, Jan. 15, 1919 ----	1.97
Mitts, aprons and sleeves from " , Jan. 20, 1919 ----	.91
Total ----------	$10.72

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-1

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 24, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I would thank you to supply your complete assay record of the following bars in shipment No. 4 from Philadelphia, samples of which have been assayed in the Bureau laboratory: 1460, 1604, 2046, 2417, 2418, 2510, 2583, MM. 3, following #2061 and MM. 8, following 2983.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 30, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In reviewing the report of the Settlement Committee, I have found that the certificate attached to the vaults where gold bars are stored, carry the signature of but one person, my representative in your office.

Will you please take steps immediately to cause the seals being placed upon the vaults to carry your signature as Superintendent, the signature of the one designated to represent me and, out of courtesy, the signature of a representative of the Assistant Treasurer at New York.

When it becomes necessary to break a joint seal please advise the Bureau so that authority may be issued for that purpose.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

C-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith bonds for the following employees:-

Joseph S. Buford, Jr.
Edward F. Lummis
Charles H. McCall

These bonds should have been renewed in 1918. If for any reason you do not wish the employees bonded please return these bonds and advise me; otherwise please instruct them to execute the bonds and return them to you for transmission to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Encl.
O.L.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

July 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of July 30th, you are hereby authorized to request bids for the sale of one old Hardings Conical Mill, which is no longer of service in your institution and obsolete in type.

Respectfully,

N. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries,	$5,000.
Contingent expense,	5,000.
Wages of workmen,	15,000.
Increased compensation,	3,000.
Total,	$28,000.

Respectfully,

M. W. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 1st transmitting assay results:- I would thank you to verify the figures given as to M-M 8.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 1st transmitting assay results on shipment #4:- I would thank you to supply the complete melting record of #2418.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 11, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The figures given in your letter of the 8th regarding bar No. 2418 are contained in the shipping memorandum, but the Assayer's record shows that this bar was melted at least twice in New York.

Will you please supply the complete melting record at New York, in accordance with request contained in Bureau letter of the 5th.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 7, 1919.

Hon. Verne M. Boyle,
Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to come to Washington for conference with this Bureau on matters connected with your institution.

While engaged in this service your necessary travelling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon an account of the same being rendered, from the appropriation for "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York, 1920."

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

Paul Houck

Assistant Secretary.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Aug. 15, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Attention is invited to the following items pertaining to the accounts of your office for the quarter ended June 30, 1919:

On deposit No. 10519 made by the Federal Reserve Bank there appears to be a short charge for alloy of 99¢, the correct computation giving $757.75 instead of $756.76 as charged. In this connection it is requested that in future, when the base content of fine bullion is suitable for alloy, some indication of that fact be noted on the assay report. It is also requested that all future assay reports be made to show the full 1000 parts, for checking purposes; errors at some of our institutions have been found by reason of the reported finenesses totaling more than 1000 parts.

Receipt for bullion No. 10547 is enclosed, lacking the endorsement of the depositor, David Belais. Deposit certificate No. 10546 is enclosed for signature of the person signing the name of I. Wollstein Co., Inc.. Receipt for bullion No. 11088, enclosed, apparently lacks the signature of Zimmerman & Forshay, Mr. Jones' principal. Deposit certificate No. 11577 is enclosed for the signature of the Superintendent.

Deposit No. 11124 received from the First National Bank of El Paso, Texas, with direction to deposit proceeds with the National Park Bank for their credit, was recorded in the name of the National Park Bank. It should have been recorded in the name of the El Paso bank, and check in payment should have been drawn in favor of the "National Park Bank, for credit of the First National Bank of ElPaso." This is noted for future guidance.

Explanation is requested of the differences in the ounce accounts of gold and silver bullion, as between the quantities certified to and found by the settlement committee and the quantities carried in the accounts. The accounts show 1,324.89 oz. more silver and 0.016 oz. more gold. There is also a discrepancy of 0.001 oz. gold in deposits received, as between the account current and the abstract sheet total.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Aug. 22, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

Please refer to Bureau letter of the 15th instant and your reply of the 19th, concerning accounts for the quarter ended June 30th.

The explanation given of the differences in the gold and silver bullion items mentioned is not sufficiently in detail to clear the matter.

Concerning the silver difference of 1324.89 oz., I am unable to learn anything about "Form No. 926" other than that such a form - an account current - was abolished in 1908. Neither am I able to locate any figures which, combined as to ounces and value, will give this difference. Please name the item or items composing this, giving the figures and reasons why, if the silver was on hand June 30th, it was not so certified to the settlement committee.

Concerning the gold difference of 0.016 oz., it is presumed from your letter that the certification of balance to the settlement committee must have been made as a result of converting value to ounces instead of from the book ounce accounts. Is there any reason why balances, etc., should not always be stated and certified from the books instead of as a result of converting between ounces and values.

Please advise me what adjustment of the item of 0.001 oz. gold you wish made in order to bring the April-June bullion account into agreement with the abstract sheet.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 25, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In accordance with your letter of the 20th instant the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been advised that September 3rd will be a date mutually agreeable for the meeting of the Assayers of the respective institutions, the meeting to take place at Philadelphia.

In connection with matters to be discussed at the meeting, will you please deliver to your Assayer the enclosed statement in regard to assays made on Shipment No. 4 samples. Similar copy has been sent to Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rolph

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Aug. 27, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have your letter of the 25th instant concerning differences in bullion balances between the accounts as of June 30th and the settlement figures.

It appears that the quantity of silver certified by the bookkeeper as chargeable on June 30th was 1324.89 fine ounces less than actually chargeable, upon which basis the settlement committee certified a surplus of 3017.74 fine ounces. The value of this surplus has been covered into the Treasury as a revenue and cannot be withdrawn.

The result of this error in bookkeeper's certificate to the settlement committee is that you are beginning the new fiscal year with an actual shortage of silver bullion of 1324.89 fine ounces.

Please bring to the attention of your bookkeeper the need for constant watchfulness at settlement time - in fact, at all times.

The adjustment of 0.001 oz. gold has been made on the light weight gold coin redeemed, as requested in last paragraph of your letter. This also reduces the closing balance of gold on hand by the same quantity.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

August 27, 1919.

Superintendent U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th instant you are hereby authorized to accept the bid of the Hardinge Conical Mill Company for the purchase of the obsolete mill now on hand, the amount offered understood to be $200.00.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

ERE WRITTEN:

Washington, Sept. 5, 1919.

Superintendent Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Permit Illustrated Daily News to photograph gold brick described by them.

Baker

Director.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1919.

OR

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR
2—5738 The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line. DEPARTMENTAL STOCK FORM 2128.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

September 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

With reference to letter of this office dated August 27th and your reply of the 30th concerning alleged shortage on June 30th of 1324.89 ounces silver, I beg to advise that upon further investigation it is found that the error occurred in this office. This was due to the fact that the silver in the Cashier's hands is carried at your office by approximate value, while at all the other institutions it is carried by ounces, and led to misapprehension here in that the value was taken for number of ounces.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

September 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Contingent expense, ----------	$10,000.
Wages of workmen, ----------	20,000.
Increased compensation, ------	3,000.
Total, ----------	$33,000.

Respectfully,

N M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Sept. 5, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the second sheet of form No. 900, Melting and Refining Department Operation and Settlement Statement, attention invited to the final division on the form, "Sweeps Cellar Operations". Will you kindly provide the data called for by that form for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1919.

With reference to the items on form 900, "amount operated upon", you are advised that in future these items should carry the amounts of metal actually operated upon rather than aggregates of items which precede. Please advise me as to the amounts actually operated upon during the fiscal year just closed.

We are unable to locate any schedule of encumbrances of your office for the month of June. Will you kindly forward same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Sept. 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bills of the American Railway Express Co. for transportation have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

Asbestos mitts, etc., from Philadelphia, April 4th and April 17, 1919, ---------- $4.56

Canvass mitts, etc., from Philadelphia, March 6th and March 17, 1919, ---------- $3.93

Respectfully,

W. M. Daly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Sept. 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Replying to your request of the 11th inst. for a supply of Form #900, sheet 2, will state that in forwarding one of the forms recently, it was intended that it should be used only as a sample for indicating the information which the Bureau desired, for the reason that the form is so large and but a small portion applies to the work of the New York Office. However, I am enclosing herewith three additional sheets of this form.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Sept. 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

We are looking for a high temperature cement for a special purpose outside the regular repair work. I would thank you to forward a couple of pounds of hytempite cement, which I understand you are using, so that we may test it.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Sept. 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find second sheet of Form 900, forwarded with your letter of the 18th instant. Please insert figures covering Sweep Cellar operations on Deposit Melting Room sweeps. It is presumed that there was metal recovered in addition to the quantity contained in the tailings.

Information as to the actual quantity of gold and silver operated upon in the Melting and Refining Department, requested in letter of the 5th inst., has not as yet been received. Will you please forward same as soon as practicable, also schedule of encumbrances for the month of June.

Respectfully,

M. D. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

September 23, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In April 1918 blank form of bond was forwarded to your office to be transmitted to Mr. Joseph F. Buford, Weighor. No bond appears to have been returned to the Department.

Please advise me upon receipt of this letter, of your wishes in the matter in regard to Mr. Buford's bond. The Secretary's office is making inquiry as to this bond.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

September 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning memorandum of bullion received, No. 2159, dated Aug. 22, 1919, which was found folded in with deposit certificate No. 2137.

As no deposit certificate for deposit No. 2159 is present, it was thought possible that it was being held in an effort to locate this memorandum.

If you do not wish to hold the memorandum it may be returned and will be placed with your other vouchers.

Respectfully,

M M O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L
Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Contingent expense, ---	$ 5,000.
Wages of workmen, -----	15,000.
Salaries, ----------	5,000.
Increased compensation	3,000.
Total, ---------	$28,000.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

American Railway Express Co., transportation of bags and mitts from Philadelphia, 6/13/19 -- $1.27

American Railway Express Co., transportation of mitts from Philadelphia, June 7, 1919 ------ $1.09

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

It has been determined to open the Assayers Meeting, which has already been planned, on the morning of October 21st.

Will you please advise Mr. Cummings in order that he may make his plans accordingly.

Respectfully,

R. V. Baker

Director of the Mint.

O-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 14, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your recommendation of Sept. 20th for the transfer of J. M. White from the position of clerk, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, to the position of clerk in your office at a salary of $1,000, I beg to advise you that the Secretary's Office informed this Bureau, under date of October 11th, that Mr. White is to be transferred to the Public Health Service at New York at $1,200. per annum.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

October 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

This office apparently has not received Schedules of Revenues and Encumbrances for your office for the month of August. Will you kindly forward same.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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October 22, 1919.

Dear Mr. Bovie:-

This letter will be presented by Mr. J. P. Dunlop, who is well known to you as the representative of the Geobgical Survey.

The Bureau is again bespeaking for Mr. Dunlop your usual courtesy and assistance to aid him in accomplishing his work at your institution.

Mr. Dunlop's cooperation in the compilation of statistics on the production of the precious metals is of great assistance to this Bureau, and I hope every facility will be provided him, in order that his work may be accomplished to his satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Hon. Verne M. Bovie,
Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

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October 24, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a letter received from the Union Switch & Signal Company relative to "analyzing fine silver". Will you please reply direct to the inquirer as to books of reference which may be consulted by him in regard to the process about which he wishes to be informed.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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October 31, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bill of the Pennsylvania Railroad for transportation of paste from Washington, April 4, 1919, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement in the sum of $.56.

Respectfully,

D. M. Birrell

Acting Director of the Mint.

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November 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Salaries, ----------	$ 5,000.
Contingent expense, -------	10,000.
Wages of workmen, ---------	10,000.
Increased compensation, ---	3,000.
Total, ----------	$28,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 7, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to shipment #1 of crude bullion from Philadelphia: If you have them on hand I would thank you to forward your samples of the following:- coiners 8 and 11, M.& R. 53, 046, 049, 057, and 0151.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

The enclosed requisition for waste baskets was this day received from the Division of Printing and Stationery of the Secretary's Office, carrying the attached note to the effect that baskets of any kind are not furnished the outside Treasury Service by the Division of Printing and Stationery.

Apparently this requisition had not previously been in this office. Such requisitions should always be forwarded through the Office of the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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Nov. 10, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Herewith I am returning voucher of the Automatic Electric Company in the sum of $2,680.40, forwarded with your letter of October 24th.

The voucher carries indication of purchase having been made under formal contract dated May 20, 1919. This office has apparently received no such contract and it is requested that the original of the contract be forwarded, or information showing where same may be found.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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Nov. 13, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of asbestos mitts, etc., from Philadelphia, Nov. 7, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for the Treasury Department for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $1.99.

Bill of the American Railway Express Company for transportation of aprons from Philadelphia, July 26, 1919, has also been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1920 contingent appropriation in the sum of 58¢.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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November 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to shipment #1 of crude bullion from Philadelphia:- I would thank you to have 2 new samples of borings taken from M&R 046 of at least 2 oz. each.

Respectfully,

M. McReelly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

Nov. 17, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir,-

Herewith I am returning the certified check of the New York Telephone Company in amount $17.33, with request that it be taken to the Sub-Treasury for collection and issue of certificate of deposit, form 260, in the usual manner. The amount should be carried into your account for the current quarter as both collection and deposit in the Treasury under the appropriation "Contingent Expenses, Assay Office at New York 1919".

Please follow this procedure when future collections are made.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.
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Nov. 21, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:-

Bill of the American Railway Express Company, No. B/5/399, for transportation of mitts, sleeves, aprons and anode bags on Dec. 4, 1918, has been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the sum of $3.59.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

November 26, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to shipment #2 of crude bullion from Philadelphia: I would thank you to forward your samples of the following melts #932, 4385, 4731, 5790, first lot of mass-melts #1, 3, 6, 8, 9, last lot of mass-melts #2, 3, and to add your assay record of these melts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

November 29, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Herewith find last sheet of your bullion account current for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1919, for correction as to amounts received on account of sale of sweeps, as per pencil notations. In this connection it is requested that a statement be forwarded showing how the loss of $146.40 on sale of sweeps was determined, also how the platinum value deposited as revenue, $203.52, was determined.

Also enclosed please find silver deposit certificate and receipt for bullion No. 71. The receipt is endorsed with direction for delivery to A. H. Bliss, while delivery appears to have been actually made to J.T.Campbell.

Receipt for bullion No. 1756 is also enclosed for evidence that Adolph Wodiska has authority to sign for Julius Wodiska.

Assayer's report on redeposit No. 4 from New Orleans bears the following note: "No. 2781 weighed after melting 316.35 ounces, having gained metal from the previous melts. The weights were accordingly adjusted by the Weigh Clerk". Please advise me if adjustments of weights, such as these, would not materially misstate the quantity of gold and silver actually contained in the shipment as a whole. It is noted that the finenesses on the bar from which deduction was made differed materially from the finenesses of all the other bars. Also please advise me what advantage is gained by making such adjustments.

Schedule of Revenues for the month of September is enclosed for correction to carry the revenues of the month, instead of the entire revenues of the quarter.

Statement is requested, for accompanying your accounts to the Auditor, showing the source from which was collected the amounts credited to your appropriations on account of work on platinum ware. In this connection I have again to request that whenever collections are made for repayment to your appropriations, such amounts be always covered into the Treasury to the credit of your appropriations, but not to the credit of your checking account. Such deposits should be made soon after the amounts are collected.

It is suggested that more care be taken in making up your packages when forwarding the bullion accounts to this office. With heavy bundles loose in the envelopes, the envelopes frequently get torn and there is a liability of loss of vouchers. The vouchers at times get pasted to the flaps of the envelopes, causing tearing of the vouchers and their mutilation otherwise.

Respectfully,

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December 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to shipment #1 of crude bullion from Philadelphia:- I would thank you to remelt #057 and take 2 large granulation samples and also 2 drill samples after casting, the samples to be not less than 2 oz. each.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 2, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 1st regarding numbers of melts in shipment #2 from Philadelphia:- the #5790 should be #5190. The other numbers are correctly given.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 3, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Requisition for advance to you of funds to meet the expenses of your office during the fiscal year 1920, has been approved in sums as follows:-

Contingent expense, -	$10,000.
Salaries, ----------	5,000.
Wages of workmen, ---	15,000.
Increased comp., ----	5,000.
Total, ----------	$35,000.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 4, 1919.

Superintendent,
United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Your letter of December 2nd forwarding voucher and other data pertaining to contract of the Automatic Electric Company, is at hand, and I beg to request that you forward copy of your acceptance of the offer of the firm in question. The information now at hand consists of offer of the Automatic Company to furnish certain material and the authority of this Bureau to accept that offer, but does not include the actual acceptance of it, and unless there is such actual acceptance no contract exists.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 6, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Please forward copy of the bill rendered to the Bureau of Standards for platinum work done, to support the amount shown on your account current for the September quarter, $322.00, as reimbursed to your appropriations. Copy of this bill need not be accompanied by subvouchers.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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December 8, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 5th transmitting assay records of redeposits in shipment #3:- The silver determinations on mass-melt #2 are given as 333, 334, 333½. I would thank you to verify these figures and if found correct to state why the silver was reported at 335 which is one above the highest assay.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 9, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 3rd transmitting assay record and samples of melts in shipment #2:- you have sent the data and samples of the 2nd lot of mass-melts #2 and 3, while my letter of the 26th ult. asked for the last lot of mass-melts #2 and 3.

Will you please forward the above.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 12, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 3rd transmitting assay records:- I would thank you to verify the statements regarding #3 in the 2nd lot of mass-melts.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 15, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 10th regarding case-[illegible] in shipment #3 from Philadelphia:- This is another case where the Philadelphia assays do not warrant the fineness reported.

The Philadelphia assays were 333½, 335, 329, 334½.

Respectfully,

M. McReilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 16, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 11th regarding melt 057: I would thank you to state the weight before and after the last melting.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 16, 1919.

Superintendent, U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Responding to your request of the 12th, authority is hereby granted Mr. George R. Comings, Assayer, to sign checks in the absence of the Superintendent, the Chief Clerk and the Superintendent of Melting and Refining Department.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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December 19, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of December 18th, you are hereby authorized to purchase a chemistry table for your Assay Department at a cost of about $250; and also a stone sink at a cost of about $80,00, it being understood that the usual requests will be made for bids.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Report covering receipts of gold and silver during eleven months of the calendar year, plus an estimate for December, requested the latter part of November, has not yet reached this office.

Please give this your early attention.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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RG104 E-235 Vol 432

December 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Bills as below have been forwarded to the Auditor for settlement, chargeable to your 1919 contingent appropriation in the amounts indicated:-

American Railway Express Company - transportation of mitts from Philadelphia, Dec. 30, 1918, and transportation of sleeves, bags, etc., from Philadelphia, Dec. 23, 1918, ---------- $2.72

American Railway Express Company - transportation of anode bags from Philadelphia, March 24th and May 27, 1919, and ink from Washington, Dec. 17, 1918, ----- $2.70

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

F-L

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December 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 15th regarding #3 in the second lot of mass-melts in shipment #2:- I would thank you to have fresh samples drilled of not less than 2 oz. each, and forwarded to this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

D-L

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December 20, 1919.

Superintendent,
U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to yours of the 18th regarding assays of mass-melt #2:- The Bureau Assayer is very much interested in these figures as showing both the range of determinations by the humid method and that this melt should have been remelted and refined in the crucible. I would thank you to state when these determinations were made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

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